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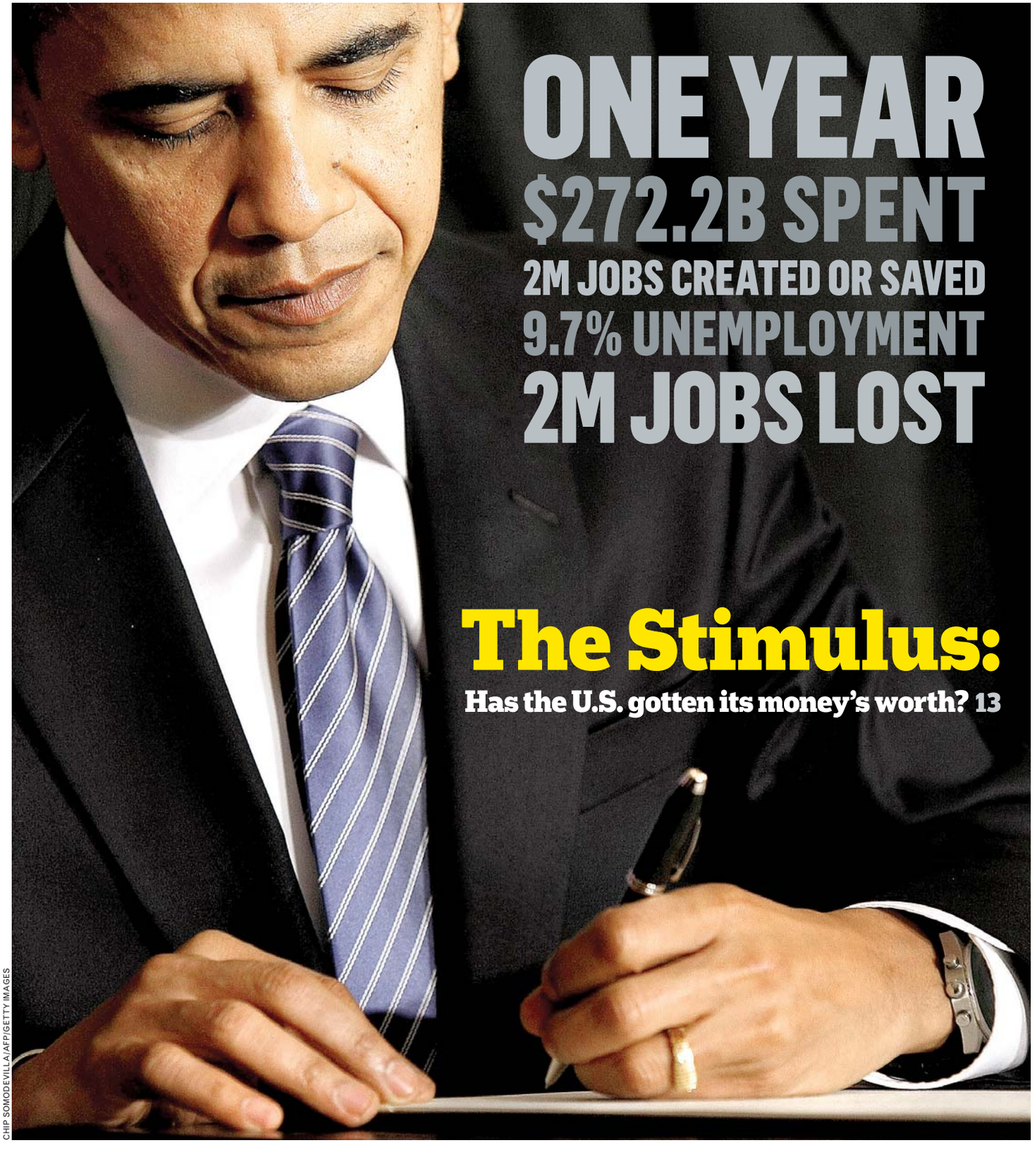

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Woman Receives World's First Litigation Implant

It took five months for a Czech woman to discover the reason for her pain: There was a foot-long medical tool inside her abdomen. This month, doctors discovered their colleagues had forgotten to remove a spatula-like surgical instrument from the woman after surgery in September. Clinic head Jaromir Hrubes blamed "a series of individual failures" and said four employees had been punished. The woman plans to sue. **(AP)**

"This had to be the name of a pizza that I didn't know."

— **KARL MAYBERRY,** OF ST. LOUIS, MO., WHO SAYS A RACIST REMARK APPEARED ON HIS PIZZA HUT RECEIPT. INSTEAD OF HIS NAME, THE RECEIPT READ "'BIG' AND 'BLACK.'"

Steve Jobs and Big Brother Are Both Really Proud

A Wauwatosa, Wis., man whose iPhone was stolen used GPS to track it down. Tiernan Paine subscribes to MobileMe, a service that synchronizes data between his phone and home computer. It also includes a Global Positioning System. Paine said he pinpointed his phone's location and saw a picture of the suspect's home. Paine took the material to police. The suspect confessed to about six similar thefts. **(AP)**

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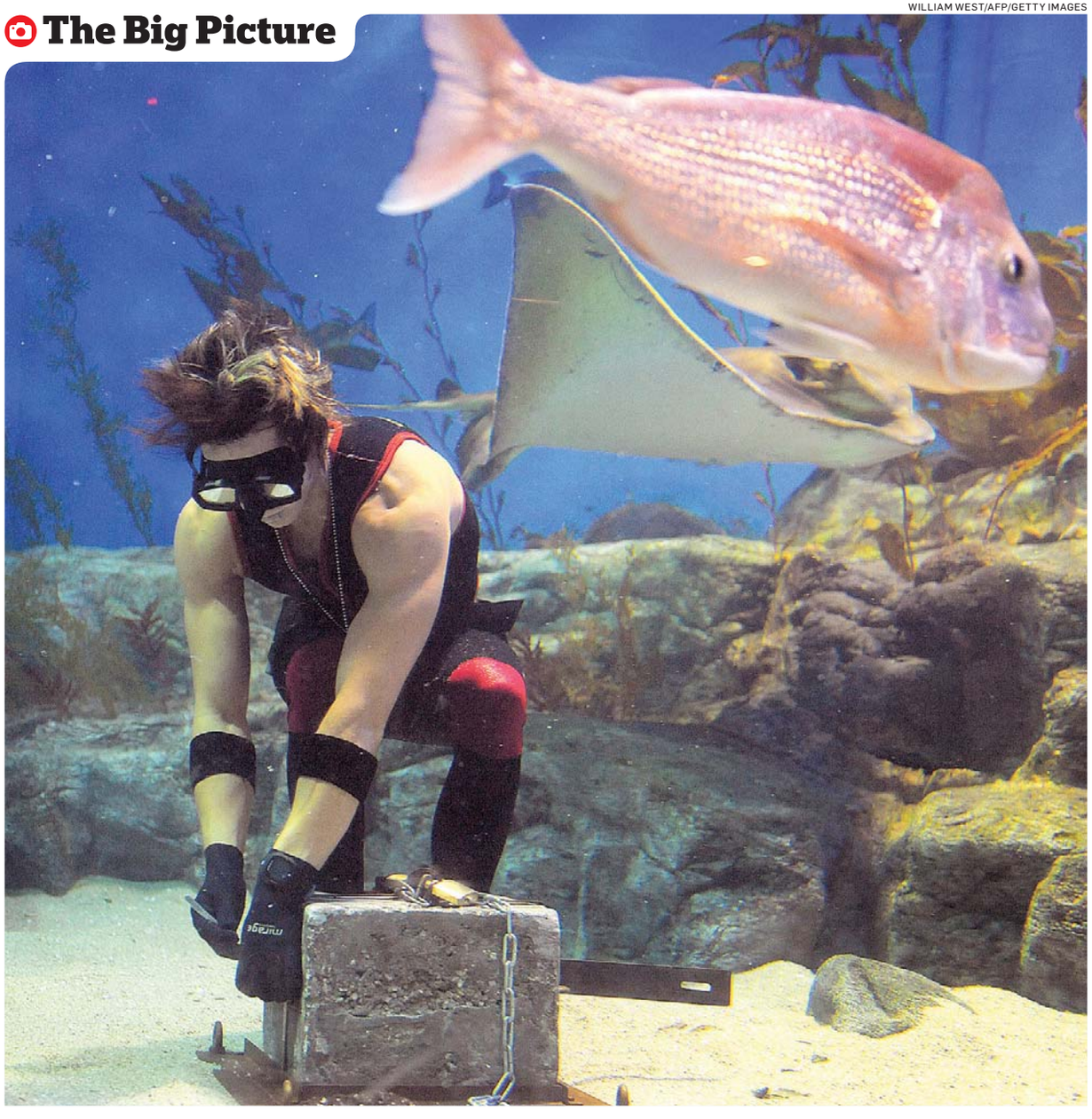

AUSTRALIAN MAGICIAN Cosentino was chained to a 132-pound concrete block and sunk inside a tank at the Melbourne Aquarium Wednesday. His re-creation of a Harry Houdini stunt was semi-successful: Cosentino aimed to escape in 2 minutes, 30 seconds, but he ended up taking 3 minutes, 39 seconds. **(EXPRESS)**

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Clinton: No Chance I'll Slow Down

New York

Former president Bill Clinton said Wednesday that he will manage his stress better after undergoing a procedure to unclog a blocked artery but emphasized that he has no intention of slowing down.

Clinton

"I've been given this gift of life by my surgery five years ago, the medicine I take, the lifestyle changes I've made," he said. "I don't want to throw it away by being a vegetable. I want to do things with it every day."

"I intend to continue to work as hard as I can, but I'm going to manage the stress better," he said.

Clinton, who had quadruple bypass surgery more than five years ago, was hospitalized last Thursday to have a clogged artery opened after he felt discomfort in his chest. Tests showed that one of the bypasses was completely blocked.

The former president said his hectic schedule after the earthquake in Haiti probably played a role.

"I didn't sleep much for a month," Clinton said. (AP)

TSA to Swab Hands in Searches

Screenings of fliers are intended to keep explosives off planes

Washington

The Transportation Security Administration will begin randomly swabbing U.S. air travelers' hands and baggage for explosives at airport checkpoints and boarding areas starting Thursday, the latest increase in aviation security measures following a failed bombing attempt of a jetliner on Christmas, the agency announced.

The expanded use of explosives-trace-detection machines was tried at five airports for 17 days after the failed al-Qaeda attack on Northwest Flight 253 from Amsterdam to Detroit, TSA spokeswoman Kristin Lee said. In that incident, Nigerian suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly tried and failed to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear.

Passengers should notice expanded random checks at 450 airports nationwide, which will be phased in over a period of weeks starting Thursday, Lee said.

ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG

A Transportation Security Administration officer looks at images from a body scanner in Arlington, Va. The agency is stepping up security efforts at airports.

"TSA is increasing the use of this technology on a random basis on passengers' hands and also at areas throughout the airport," Lee said. "Passengers can encounter this additional security measure not only at security checkpoints, but in the checkpoint line as well as in boarding or gate areas."

Airport screeners have generally reserved explosives checks for "secondary screening," or passengers pulled aside for added scrutiny. But the Abdulmutallab case exposed gaps in the government's ability to identify individuals who pose a threat.

$15M

The amount of money from the economic stimulus bill that was given to the Transportation Security Administration to buy explosive detectors.

The Nigerian man was not flagged for additional checks, so he walked through a routine metal detector at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport — one of the most secure in the world — without raising an alarm.

"We know that al-Qaeda [and other] terrorists continue to think of aviation as a way to attack the United States," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told CNN on Tuesday, adding that the new measure should not significantly increase wait times at airports. "One way we keep it safe is by new technology [and] random use of different types of technology."

Analysts said performing checks randomly should avoid complaints of racial profiling, and that the swabbing technology poses fewer privacy concerns than do whole body-imaging scanners that use X-rays or radio waves to produce outlines of the human body to detect hidden objects.

SPENCER S. HSU (THE WASHINGTON POST)

HEALTH

You've heard it before: Eat right, don't smoke and exercise to prevent heart attacks. But trying to be cheerful — even if you're grumpy by nature — could also help, a new study suggests. Researchers at Columbia University rated the happiness levels of more than 1,700 adults in Canada with no heart problems in 1995. A decade later, they examined the 145 people who developed a heart problem and found happier people were less likely to have had one. (AP)

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Corolla Becomes Toyota's Latest Headache

TSA to investigate possible flaw in the car's steering system

Washington

The Transportation Department plans to open a formal investigation into the 2009-2010 Toyota Corolla because of potential problems with the car's power steering, a department official said Wednesday.

The preliminary investigation is expected to be opened on Thursday and will involve an estimated 500,000 vehicles. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the department had not yet notified Toyota of the probe.

Toyota Motor Corp. said at a news conference in Japan Wednesday that it was looking into complaints of power steering problems with the Corolla and was considering a recall as an option. Toyota said fewer than 100 complaints have been received.

SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/AP

Toyota President Akio Toyoda speaks about vehicle recalls on Wednesday.

In the United States, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received about 150 complaints from drivers about the issue.

In the Corolla complaints, drivers have said they felt they were losing control over the steering, particularly at highway speeds.

Executives in Japan said it was unclear why drivers were experiencing the problems, but it could be related to the braking system or tires. **KEN THOMAS (AP)**

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

An obscure but easily accessible substance that mimics the effects of marijuana has caught the attention of law enforcement. Drug users are buying a product known as "K2" — a mix of herbs and spices that is sprayed with a synthetic compound — and rolling it up in joints. Lawmakers in Missouri and Kansas want the substance treated like marijuana. (AP)

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Plane Crashes Into Neighborhood, Killing 3

Victims of accident in Calif. worked for electric car company

East Palo Alto, Calif.

A small plane crashed Wednesday in a residential neighborhood shrouded in heavy fog, killing three employees of Tesla Motors Inc., igniting fires and scattering debris onto a house where a children's day care center operated, authorities said.

Elon Musk, chief executive of the electric car manufacturer, confirmed the three people on board were employees of Tesla Motors Inc. There were no reports of injury on the ground, and fires caused by the crash were soon extinguished.

The Cessna 310 crashed Wednesday morning shortly after takeoff from the Palo Alto Airport, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said the plane either struck a 100-foot electrical tower or clipped its power transmission lines and broke apart.

Pamela Houston, an employee of the day care in the house struck by the wing, said she was feeding an infant when she heard a loud boom and "saw a big ball of fire hit the side of the house."

"There are not even words to describe what it felt like," she said. "I am very thankful to God that he allowed us to get out." (AP)

PAUL SAKUMA/AP

A fireman looks over the spot where a plane crashed Wednesday in California.

SPACE EXPLORATION

In a highly anticipated grand finale to their mission, astronauts opened the shutters on the international space station's breathtaking observation deck, above, on Wednesday. The round central window is the largest ever flown in space. (AP)

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In Brief

KIEV, UKRAINE

PM's Appeal Suspends Release of Poll Results

Ukraine's presidential election results giving the victory to Russia-friendly Viktor Yanukovych were suspended Wednesday pending review of his rival's appeal. Ukraine's Administrative Court said it would rule on Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's appeal by Feb. 25. Tymoshenko has refused to concede, claiming the vote was tainted by fraud. (AP)

Tymoshenko

LE BOURGET, FRANCE

$14M Search to Launch For Air France Jet Ruins

A new $13.73 million international search for the remains of Air France Flight 447 will begin in March, more than nine months after the passenger jet crashed in the Atlantic depths, France's chief air accident investigator said Wednesday. (AP)

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Fast-Food Tax Proposed

Romanian officials have proposed taxes on burgers, french fries and other fast food with high fat and sugar content in an effort to promote better health. Authorities expect to generate up to $1.37 billion in revenues from the taxes. (AP)

Sarkozy Promises Aid for Haiti

Leader's visit prompts mixed emotions in former French colony

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Nicolas Sarkozy promised $400 million in aid for quake-stricken Haiti on Wednesday as he made the first visit ever by a French president to what was once his nation's richest colony.

Sarkozy, who was greeted by Haitian President Rene Preval as a brass band played the Marseillaise, viewed the quake-ravaged capital from a helicopter.

"I want only to say to the Haitian people, 'You are not alone,'" Sarkozy said at Haiti's shattered National Palace.

Some Haitians see France's renewed interest in their nation as a counterbalance to the U.S., which has sent troops there three times in the past 16 years. But Sarkozy's visit is also reviving bitter memories of the crippling costs of Haiti's 1804 independence.

A third of the population was killed in an uprising against exceptionally brutal slavery, an international embargo was imposed, and 90 million pieces of gold were demanded by Paris from the world's first black republic. The debt hobbled Haiti for much of its history.

Sarkozy acknowledged the "wounds of colonization" Wednesday. With an eye on that grievance, France said it was canceling all of Haiti's $77 million debt to Paris.

MICHELLE FAUL (AP)

EITAN ABRAMOVICH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Nicolas Sarkozy, center, walks past a ruined building in Port-au-Prince Wednesday.

Meanwhile ...

Eight of the 10 Americans charged with kidnapping in Haiti were freed Wednesday. Judge Bernard Saint-Vil said he granted their release after parents testified they voluntarily handed their children over to the missionaries. Laura Silsby, above left, and Charisa Coulter, right, were held for more questioning. (EXPRESS)

Israeli Security Officials Blame Mossad for Dubai Assassination

Jerusalem

Israeli security officials said Wednesday they were convinced the Mossad was behind the assassination of a Hamas commander in Dubai and harshly criticized the spy agency for allegedly stealing the identities of its own citizens to carry out the hit.

Names released by Dubai matched seven people living in Israel, raising questions about why the agency would endanger its own people by using their passport data as cover for a secret death squad.

At the same time, some experts said the Dubai evidence pointed to a setup to falsely blame Israel.

A vague comment from Israel's foreign minister, who neither confirmed nor denied Mossad's involvement, only added to the spy novel-like mystery surrounding the slaying of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, who was found dead on Jan. 20 at a luxury hotel near Dubai's international airport.

"Israel never responds, never confirms and never denies," Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said in Israel's first official comment on the affair, then added: "I don't know why we are assuming that Israel, or the Mossad, used those passports." (AP)

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Taliban Rely on Human Shields

Militants exploit NATO rules against endangering civilians

Marja, Afghanistan

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A U.S. Marine watches an Afghan family evacuate their home in Trikh Nawar, Afghanistan, near the town of Marja, Wednesday.

Taliban fighters holding out in Marja are increasingly using civilians as human shields, firing from compounds where U.S. and Afghan forces can clearly see women and children on rooftops or in windows, Afghan and U.S. troops said Wednesday.

The intermingling of fighters and civilians also has been witnessed by Associated Press journalists. It is part of a Taliban effort to exploit strict NATO rules against endangering innocent lives to impede the allied advance through the town in Helmand province, 360 miles southwest of Kabul.

Two more NATO service members were killed in the Marja operation Wednesday, the alliance said in a statement without identifying them by nationality.

Their deaths brought to six the number of NATO service members, along with one Afghan soldier, who have been killed since the attack on Marja, the hub of the Taliban's southern drug-smuggling network, began Saturday. About 40 insurgents have been killed, Helmand Gov. Gulab Mangal said.

During Wednesday's fighting, Marines and Afghan troops "saw sustained but less frequent insurgent activity," NATO said in a statement. NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay told journalists in Brussels that most of the objectives were achieved. "Perhaps the pocket in the western side of Marja still gives freedom of movement to the Taliban, but that is the extent of their movement," he said.

Brig. Gen. Mohiudin Ghori, the brigade commander of Afghan troops in Marjah said troops have to decide between firing on insurgents among civilians, or advance more slowly to keep civilians safe.

"They are trying to get us to fire on them and kill the civilians," Ghori said. **ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU AND RAHIM FAIEZ (AP)**

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Local

Pothole Season Is in Full Bloom

As snowfall melts, crews ditch plows to repair unsafe roads

Washington

This winter of misery has turned driving into something of a steeplechase: Dodge the mountain of snow, straddle the black ice and, now, swerve around the cavernous pothole.

Pothole season usually hits full bloom a couple of weeks before the spring flowers, but this year melting snow and unseasonable gyrations in temperature have formed lots of pavement-cracking ice overnight.

Dealing with the sudden profusion of potholes would be a challenge in the best of times, but on the region's highways these are not the best of times. The process of digging out continues and, for the most part, the people who repair potholes are the same people who have been driving snowplows 12 hours a day for the past two weeks.

DEB LINDSEY/TWP

Workers patch a pothole in the southbound section of the 14th Street Bridge Feb. 12.

"Just as soon as we put away the snow equipment, we turn around and go out on potholes," said Joan Morris of the Virginia Department of Transportation. "It's usually the early part of spring when we see the potholes."

Morris and her peers in the region's other transportation departments all said the same thing: If it's big and dangerous, we want to get right on it. If it's small and can wait, it's going to.

"Our first priority is clearing the snow," said Esther Bowring, spokeswoman for Montgomery County.

"We're also responding to any major potholes, and some of these are pretty big. If people are swerving to avoid them, we want them addressed." ASHLEY HALSEY III (THE WASHINGTON POST)

E-Mail Gaffe Dupes GWU Hopefuls

Washington

A group of students who applied to George Washington University through its second round of Early Decision learned in early February that they had been rejected.

But then, last Wednesday they received an e-mail exclaiming "Congratulations" and welcoming them to the Class of 2014.

Later that same day, they received a follow-up e-mail from the dean of undergraduate admissions: "This afternoon, you received an email from me titled 'Important GW Information.' Unfortunately, this email was sent to you in error. We are truly sorry for this confusion regarding your application to GW."

The GW Hatchet reported that as many as 200 applicants who had already been rejected temporarily thought they had been accepted because of the e-mail gaffe. JENNA JOHNSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Maryland

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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-6-3
Mid-day Pick 4	1-4-3-5
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Match 5 (Tues.)	6-12-19-28-29 (38)

District

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	9-2-6
Mid-day DC 4	1-5-7-3
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	6-2-4-4
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-3-3-8-0
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	0-4-0-1-9
Daily 6 (Tues.)	1-14-15-25-28-32 (10)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	9-6-5
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-9-2
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	4-5-4-4
Mid-day Cash 5	3-5-15-25-28
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Stimulating? Debatable

The true impact of Obama's recovery program remains a hotly contested issue

Washington

Did the stimulus work or not? A year after Congress passed President Obama's huge economic revival plan, the results are mixed — and hardly final.

Despite Obama's bold promises, unemployment remains stubbornly high. But job losses have slowed dramatically.

And the nation's recent economic growth is real, even though the government has spent just one-third of the stimulus law's $787 billion so far. The program is to continue pumping federal money into the economy into 2011.

One year into the program, many states and local governments owe their fiscal survival to the stimulus. But those governments are scrambling to find ways to fill the holes in the coming year.

Thousands of road and bridge projects broke ground with stimulus money, helping to keep the anemic construction industry afloat. But job losses still were significant, with as many as one in four construction workers unemployed.

Obama used Wednesday's one-year anniversary to offer his own assessment. "There has never been a program of this scale, moved at this speed, that has been enacted as effectively and as transparently as the recovery act," the president said.

But the legacy of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is yet to be sealed.

In the next 12 months, there will be a second wave of government spending, perhaps topping $300 billion. By this time next year, the country could have a better idea whether the program was a costly, debt-increasing blip that made ripples in the nation's economy, or a lifesaving jolt that shielded the country from a financial abyss.

When Obama launched the stimulus last year, he cast the program as more than just a jobs bill. The program, he said, would provide lasting public works projects, improve education, save ailing state and local governments, offer relief to millions devastated by losing their jobs and homes, and help provide health care.

Despite the broad range of those promises — and evidence shows that at least some of them have been kept — Obama's stimulus will forever be judged by jobs.

The Obama administration had promised the program would stop the jobless rate from passing 8 percent. But weeks after the stimulus became law, that threshold was broken.

Since that time, Republicans repeatedly asked, "Where are the jobs?" as monthly unemployment rates rose to as high as 10 percent before dipping to 9.7 percent last month. (AP)

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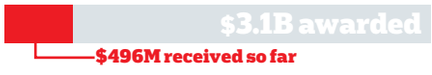
President Obama strongly defended the stimulus bill on Wednesday, saying the $787 billion measure passed one year ago helped the U.S. avoid another Great Depression.

Local Impact

About $12 billion of the stimulus package has already been set aside for use in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia, according to data available at Recovery.gov.

MARYLAND: The top three stimulus recipients thus far are the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and the state of Maryland.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The top recipients are the National Railroad Corporation, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Clark Construction.



VIRGINIA: The top recipients are the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

70%

The percentage of the $787 billion stimulus funds the Obama administration expects will be spent by October. With most of the state aid and safety net benefits already out the door, the spending will now shift more toward investment projects.

Breaking It Down

The $787 billion in funding Congress set aside for the stimulus package was divvied up into three main categories:

- Tax cuts, including an $800 credit in 2009 and 2010 for most American families.
- Payments, including fiscal aid to states and expanded safety net assistance.
- Investments, most in public infrastructure, energy efficiency and broadband.

Vancouver 2010

Medal Count

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▲ United States TOTAL: 10

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Germany	3	4	2	9
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Canada	2	2	1	5
Norway	1	2	2	5
S. Korea	3	1	0	4
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
Austria	0	2	2	4
China	1	1	1	3
Russia	1	1	1	3

Top Performer

Marit Bjoergen, Norway: With a time of 3 minutes, 39.2 seconds, the cross-country skier won the women's sprint for her first Olympic gold.

3:36.3

Russian Nikita Kriukov's time, in minutes, for his gold-medal run in the men's cross-country sprint Wednesday. He edged teammate Alexander Panzhinskiy in a photo finish.

Vonn Is Golden in the Downhill

Injured star lives up to the hype as U.S. goes 1-2 at Whistler

Alpine Skiing

If this is how Lindsey Vonn skis with a bruised shin, then the rest of the field has no chance.

Vonn showed no signs of discomfort when she won the Olympic downhill by more than half a second Wednesday, with childhood rival and American teammate Julia Mancuso taking a surprise silver medal. "This is everything I've wanted and hoped for," Vonn said.

Vonn hurt her right shin Feb. 2 during pre-Olympic training in Austria and had hardly skied over the past two weeks. Still, as the two-time defending overall World Cup champion and the winner of five of the six downhills this season, she was an overwhelming favorite at Whistler Creek.

"She had the weight of the world on her," said Thomas Vonn, the Olympic champion's husband and chief adviser. "People were basically hanging the medal around her neck before the start. That's incredibly hard to deal with."

Thomas Vonn was up at the start before his wife's run to calm her down, and the Vonns embraced in a hug that lasted for 30 seconds when they reunited at the finish. "It was one of the most clutch runs I've ever seen," Thomas Vonn said.

In a race characterized by several crashes — including one involving Swedish standout Anja Paerson — Vonn sped down Franz's Downhill in 1 minute, 44.19 seconds. Mancuso finished 0.56 second behind, and Elisabeth Goergl of Austria took the bronze, 1.46 seconds back.

No American woman had won the Olympic downhill before. Hilary Lindh and Picabo Street both took silver — in 1992 and 1994, respectively. ANDREW DAMPF (AP)

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Lindsey Vonn celebrates her gold medal-winning run in the downhill on Wednesday. Her bruised shin was allowed time to heal after bad weather caused several delays.

Backstory ...

Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso's dominating performance was the third time two Americans have finished 1-2 in an Olympic Alpine race and the first time in 26 years. At the 1984 Sarajevo Games, brothers Phil and Steve Mahre took gold and silver in the slalom, and Debbie Armstrong and Christin Cooper accomplished the feat in giant slalom. (AP)

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Olympic Organizers Finally See the Light on Cauldron

After public outcry, group makes flame more visible to fans

Damage Control

They finally freed the flame. Vancouver Olympic organizers opened a rooftop promenade Wednesday to give visitors an unobstructed view of the Olympic cauldron, answering rising complaints that the icon of the games was inaccessible to the public.

The elevated deck is close enough to the flame that Olympic fans can actually feel the heat when the wind is right.

"This is really lovely," raved Carol Ensor, who was among the first to walk the promenade Wednesday morning. "It's much larger than I anticipated."

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The cauldron controversy seems over.

Organizers also moved a security fence about 65 feet closer, so flame-seekers can now get within about 100 feet of the cauldron. Workers cut a 6-inch-high opening along the barrier to accommodate ground-level photos.

The off-limits cauldron and unsightly chain-link fence have been among the biggest black eyes for an Olympics beset by glitches. For the first five days of the games, it was nearly impossible to get an unobstructed, close-up picture of the flame. International media went so far as to compare it to the Iron Curtain. (AP)

What to Watch

MEN'S CURLING
(NOON, USA) The U.S. men try to rebound from an opening loss in their game against Denmark.

MEN'S HOCKEY
(3 P.M., USA) The Americans seek a second-straight win when facing off against Norway.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
(5 P.M., MSNBC) The U.S. takes on Finland.

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MEN'S FIGURE SKATING
(8 P.M., NBC) Evgeni Plushenko tries to become the first back-to-back men's Olympic champ since Dick Button in 1952.

WOMEN'S HALFPIPE
(8 P.M., NBC) Turin champion Hannah Teter is out for a gold in Vancouver.

SKELETON
(12:35 A.M., NBC) The first two rides for the men's and women's sledders.

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Sports

As Wright Goes, So Do the Hoyas

Hoyas Hoops

No matter how impressive or disappointing his team has been this season, Georgetown coach John Thompson III has been adamant that even if it appears they rely on certain players to do much of the scoring, the Hoyas don't consider who their focal point is. They just exploit an opponent's weaknesses.

"Our strength has been our unselfishness," he said Tuesday in advance of Thursday night's Big East showdown at Verizon Center against No. 5 Syracuse.

But numbers don't lie. Georgetown currently gets 63 percent of its offense from three players — juniors Chris Wright and Austin Freeman, and sophomore Greg Monroe. And one in particular has been a fairly accurate barometer for how well the Hoyas will do on a given night.

When Wright, the team's point guard, scores 10 or more points this season, No. 10 Georgetown is a perfect 16-0. When he's held to single digits — such as Sunday's loss to bottom-feeder Rutgers or South Florida's upset over Georgetown back on Feb. 3 — it's resulted in all six of the Hoyas' losses this year. "If he's having an off night, we're most likely having an off night," said Monroe.

MEL EVANS/AP

When Chris Wright, left, scores in single digits, the Hoyas are 2-6 this season.

As is his nature, Thompson downplays the importance of Wright (14.2 ppg) as a scorer. He pointed to the Hoyas' home win over Villanova two weeks ago when Wright was saddled with foul trouble and finished with just seven points. But in Georgetown's 73-56 loss at Syracuse on Jan. 25, Wright played a relatively solid floor game, finishing with seven assists and only one turnover, but had just seven points. The Hoyas are 2-6 when Wright finishes in single digits.

To his credit, Wright acknowledges just how crucial his performance is for the Hoyas. "My role on this team is evident," said Wright. "I have to be a leader."

MARK GIANNOTTO

TV Lineup

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 8:30 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M., CSN; 9 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 11 P.M., ESPN2) Auburn battles Florida, and Georgetown hosts Syracuse; UCLA and Washington State tip off, and California visits Oregon State; Minnesota takes on Wisconsin while Marquette plays Pittsburgh; and in the late game, St. Mary's (Calif.) visits San Diego.

NBA (8:15 P.M.; 10:30 P.M., TNT) The Cleveland Cavaliers host the Denver Nuggets, and the Los Angeles Lakers renew their rivalry with the Boston Celtics.

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COURTESY SMITHSONIAN FOLKWAYS

Sarah Lee Guthrie

TOURING WITH 'THE GUTHRIE FAMILY RIDES AGAIN'

This Friday, everything's coming up Guthrie as the "Guthrie Family Rides Again" onto the Birchmere's stage. Paterfamilias Arlo Guthrie is not only building bridges between the generations; he's forging bonds between his father Woody's (reverent pause) unpublished lyrics and music written by the likes of Wilco, Billy Bragg and the Klezmatics. "Guthrie Family Rides Again" features three generations of Guthries including Arlo's son, Abe; his daughters Cathy, Annie and Sarah Lee; and their kin. Sarah Lee, who recently released a children's folk album called "Go Waggaloo," spoke with Express about the concert.

So how many Guthries are going to be onstage at one time?

It's the whole family, 13 of us, plus an honorary family member who's been drumming for my dad since 1975. I mean, there's my brother, two sisters and a lot of kids. We've got an auto harp, a ukulele a 12-year-old on clarinet. It's just the whole bunch of us singing a lot of songs that have recently come out of the archives, thanks to my aunt.

There are far too many proficient musicians in your family. This hardly seems fair.

You don't need lessons for folk music! You just play it. When I was a kid, my dad was on the road, and the music I was exposed to was my brother's rock band. And people would get together to play nightly in my house at all times. When I started having kids myself, the same thing happened. My 7-year-old, Olivia, goes on the road with us the whole time. Once, she showed up at a gig because the baby sitter couldn't make it. So we gave her a harmonica.

Each generation is carrying the torch lit by Woody, it seems. Is that daunting?

It's an honor to be furthering his legacy. I'm encouraged by it. We've built a pretty good foundation here; we keep building up the house. We realize it's kind of a neat thing that Arlo had a career, made music and had a beautiful time on the road for 40-plus years. And we each developed in our own way. We'll be here when he goes.

So it really is something of a family reunion.

> **"We realize it's kind of a neat thing that Arlo had a career, made music and had a beautiful time on the road."**

This may not happen again. That contributes to the vibe. But the idea of joining the generations and using folk as a means of doing so, that contributed to this show, even my record.

How did "Go Waggaloo" come about?

Smithsonian Folkways asked if there could be a kid's folk album that wouldn't make you want to jump out of your minivan. So that was something we wanted to avoid, you know. I mean, I didn't realize this world existed until I made this record. CHRISTOPHER ROY CORREA

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Wallick said there haven't been many representations of orchids in fine art until recently, so included in the show are botanical illustrations from the early 1800s.

"We know that orchids have been used in popular cultural items like currency, fabrics, fine glassware and silverware, so we have some of that on display as well," Wallick said, adding that the exhibit's organizers will display stamps from countries all over the world that featured the flower.

Also look for a Sri Lankan creature made entirely of orchids and a globe showing where orchids can be found — "from tropical South America to Greenland," according to Wallick. There's also an Asian market that highlights which orchids are found on that continent and the ways they have been traded over the years.

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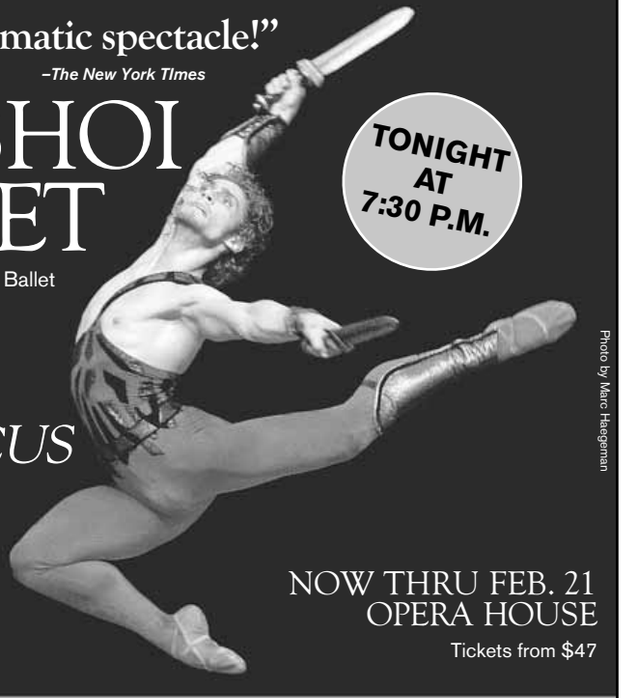

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All That Glitters Also Rocks

Internet sweater queen Leslie Hall also makes some dazzling dance-pop

Music

"Today, I'm wearing a lovely black acrylic pullover with a sequined hot fudge sundae on the front," says Leslie Hall, creator of Gemsweater.com, the Web site devoted to big hair and nightmare knitwear. The Iowa native's extensive photo gallery of frowns and frump screams "art project," but Hall says she really is that fabulous farm girl you see online.

"I am literally like Indiana Jones digging through urine-stained blouses for these things," jokes the devoted thrift shopper. However, hunting for far-out fashion is no longer necessary for Hall. As lead singer of traveling dance-pop party band Leslie & the Ly's, she's regularly showered with gaudy sweater garments by her fans.

"People bring them to me in truckloads," says Hall. "The van gets quite full of them." However, you won't see Hall shaking her booty in the fuzzies that made her famous. The Internet starlet has a new look that fearlessly emphasizes her full figure: gold spandex.

COURTESY LESLIE HALL

With Leslie and the Ly's, Hall eschews the sparkly sweaters that won her fans.

Hall describes her song-and-dance troupe, which already has three national tours and as many full-length albums under its elastic belt, as "good entertainment."

"It's the discount version of Rihanna or Beyoncé," says Hall. "If anyone wants to compete with these people, you have to be a diva and look kind of crazy. ... And being chubby helps," she adds. "People are excited to see some new kinds of curves." JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

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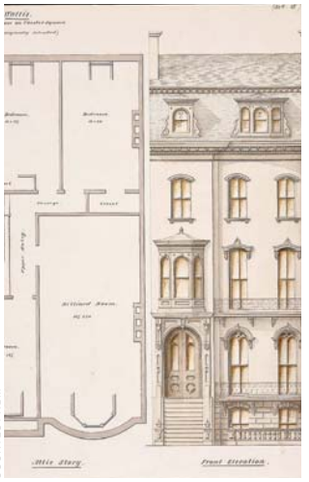

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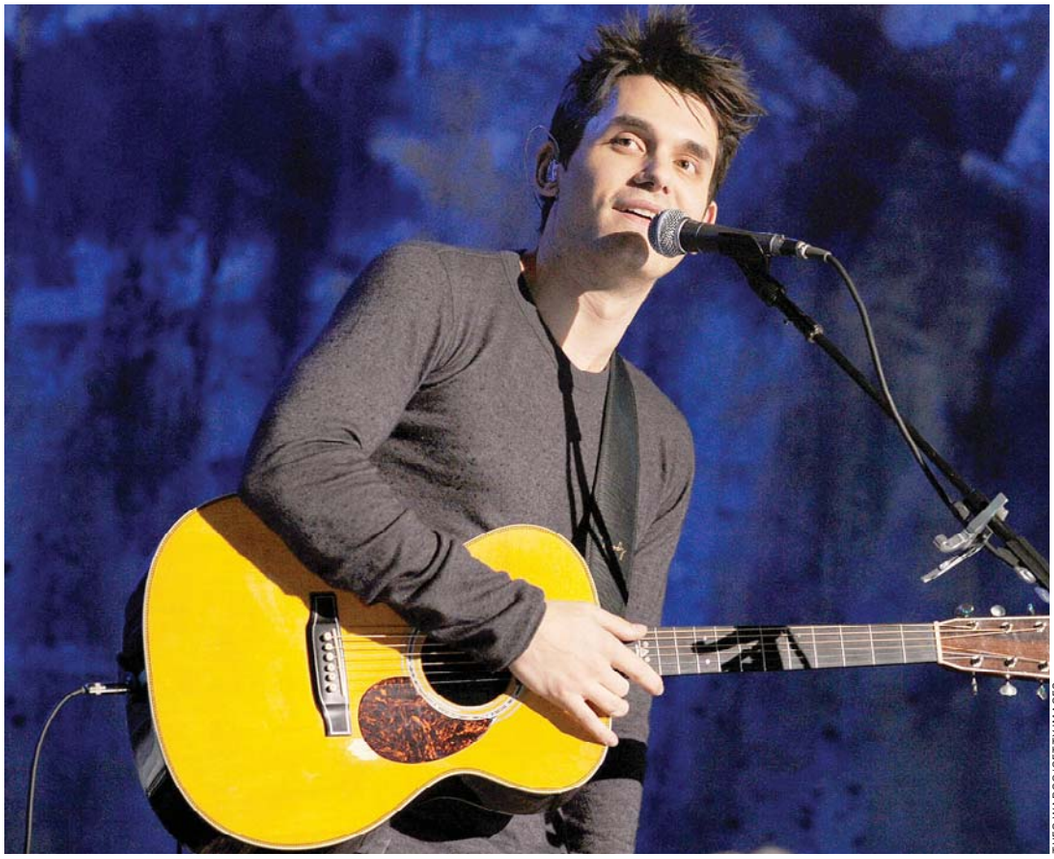

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John Mayer is done talking and tweeting; now he's ready to play bluesy guitar and get the girlies squealing at Verizon Center.

The Young And the Restless

After a startling interview, John Mayer shut up, but do we want him to?

Music

While D.C. fought the snow last Wednesday night, John Mayer nearly cried in Nashville, Tenn. An article published by Playboy caught the guitarist shooting from below the belt buckle: using the n-word to describe his "hood status," comparing his sexual organ to a "white supremacist" and providing squirmy details about his love for, well, himself.

Outrage spread fast. Truly seeing the light or just belatedly realizing that a line had been crossed, Mayer rambled a choked-up apology, declaring at the Sommet Center, "I went into a wormhole of selfishness and greediness and arrogance ... in the quest to be clever I completely forgot about the people I love and the people that love me. I decided I would be as clever as possible all the time, and I did that at the expense of people I love and that feels absolutely terrible."

Silhouetted on-screen and accompanied by his band, Mayer delivered the requisite, "I just want to play my guitar" line, closing off his penance with a mournful stage-stalking solo.

Notorious for his constant presence on Twitter, Mayer vowed to get out of the media game, later tweeting, "I wanted to be a blues guitar player. And a singer. And a songwriter. Not a shock jock. I don't have the stomach for it."

Mayer might not have the stomach for filter-free communication, but his interviews tell a different story.

Mayer might not have the stomach for filter-free communication, but his interviews tell a different story. Over the last few months, the doe-eyed guitarist burned a trail across all media outlets, seemingly unchecked by discretion.

Playfully mocking the questions of a New York Magazine reporter and threatening to "forcefully sodomize your editor" back in October, Mayer then took the cover of Rolling Stone in February and spent a good chunk of the article talking about his obsession with — can we just say it? — masturbation. His insta-tweet commentary on the Rolling Stone cover? "I'm still not sure if I would want to hang out with me."

Technically, Mayer has blossomed into a phenomenal musician; tabloids gave him mystique.

But the pop star kept on delivering sound bites. The Playboy interview was laced with more than one slur, and Mayer reflected on his own self-focused sexuality while dishing on his relationships with celebrities, and managing to offend the gay community.

Whatever happened to that soft-voiced boy scrunching his face up and singing about running through the halls of his high school?

Things haven't slowed down much since he released "Room for Squares" in 2001, as he moved from the realm of love-letter pop songs to a bluesy base with "Continuum" in 2006.

Technically, Mayer blossomed into a phenomenal musician, controlling the guitar into every sorrowful bend, but despite this, there was a bit of the early pop star — blame the voice or the lyrics — that came across too sweet for the blues.

If he needed an edge or mystique, Mayer found it in the tabloids as the self-proclaimed high school reject started dating the prom queens of the tabloid empire — one Simpson and the Aniston.

This perennial introvert turned extro in a big way — there was a bit of less-than-stellar stand-up comedy, bizarre red carpet moments and a few nasty breakups. (And all that was reported with glee and faux solicitude in headlines screaming from the checkout counter.)

But what does any of this mean for the pouty-lipped supplicant who found "your" body — rumored to be Jennifer Love Hewitt's lush Narnia — a wonderland? He's a musician, after all.

As Mayer tours in support of 2009's "Heartbreak Warfare" — his D.C. stop is at the Verizon Center on Saturday — and deals with the fallout from his Playboy interview, it isn't a question of when "growing up" merged with "becoming jaded." It's a question of whether seeing Mayer turn back into the nice guy writing valentines in the back of the classroom is what the world really wants.

Look: All this hand-wringing makes us feel superior to the rich pop star who gets all the girls. But let's let Mayer be Mayer. Reckless word choices are inexcusable, but not every rock star needs to be Bono.

Apologies will likely continue, but at the end of the news cycle, Mayer's wrestling with his thoughts in interviews — or tweeting on the now nearly silent @johncmayer — is far more interesting than the post-"High School Musical" pop fantasy he seemed destined to live out.

And whether it's wishing that Joe Biden would grow a ponytail or unapologetically professing his love for pornography, even the most horrified, squeamish protester wouldn't want Mayer to follow his own advice and, "just ... play the guitar." **NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)**

● *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Sat., 7 p.m., $42.50-$78; 202-661-5000, verizoncenter.com (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

Tougher by the Dozens

Caroline Herring recalls a difficult year in D.C. and turns it into music

Music

In the early 2000s, folk-country singer Caroline Herring spent a year in Washington, D.C., when her husband had a post-doc at George Mason University. It was a tough time for her. "I had to stop touring so I could temp," she recalls. "That was the year I became an adult and faced adult issues, like poverty, like marriage, like my career."

What made it rewarding was their friendship with Larry Levine, author of the seminal study "Black Culture and Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought From Slavery to Freedom" and then a history professor at George Mason.

That relationship inspired "The Dozens," a harrowing song on Herring's remarkable new album, "Golden Apples of the Sun." The title refers to an African-American game of insults and putdowns outlined in Levine's book. "The dozens is all about making yourself tough," she says. "People would play it however violently to build themselves up against whatever they had to deal with."

JEFFREY FASANO

Most folk-country singers enroll in traditional schools of hard knocks, but Caroline Herring took her licks here in Washington.

"The Dozens" almost didn't make it onto the album. "I sang with every ounce of energy I could find," Herring says. "I don't always hear myself doing that, and I didn't know if I was ready to have that out there. I almost left out the line 'I am just a white girl from a segregated town,' but that's how I perpetually feel in this world — just a little underprepared and with so much to learn. But then this is my record, and if that is how I feel, then it belongs there."

> **"The dozens is all about making yourself tough. People would play it however violently to build themselves up."**

Today, Herring lives in Atlanta and tours rather than temps. Even now, "The Dozens" can be a difficult song for her to perform. "It's about a vulnerable time in my life," she says. "I've got to sing it with gusto, and I've got to sing it in a very vulnerable way. And that can be very exhausting." STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

● *Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; with Dave Alvin; Thu. 7:30 p.m., $27.50; 703-549-7500, thebirchmere.com.*

By Any Other Name

Nico Vega is a band, not a singer, but the music's what matters

Music

If you need to know anything about alternative rock trio Nico Vega, it's that the band isn't named after its female lead singer. The group's name honors its former drummer's mother, explains vocalist Aja Volkman.

And even though drummer Mike Pena left the band three years ago, Nico Vega has stuck with, well, Nico Vega — and a soulful, guitar-centric, almost spooky sound. In Pena's place, Dan Epand has taken Nico Vega — which opens on Thursday night for the Soundtrack of Our Lives at the Black Cat — "to another level" creatively, Volkman said. That elevation is demonstrated all over their debut, she added, which was released in February 2009. But the band believes its live show is its greatest asset.

COURTESY BIG HASSLE

Aja Volkman, center, provides the ethereal vocals for Nico Vega's spooky pop.

"I feel like a communicator, and that's what I feel confident in doing — communicating what we've written," Volkman said of their performing style. "What we do live is very theatrical, emotional and in-your-face ... and I think that's been really rewarding for us, and we've really worked hard at it." ROXANA HADADI

● *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu., 8 p.m., $15; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Work It, Girl

JASON HOROWITZ/COURTESY CURATOR'S OFFICE

ALL MADE UP: Makeup, glitter, glamour lighting — it should all add up to the illusion of beauty. But artist Jason Horowitz goes in for the close-up on Washington drag artists, including Shi-Queeta Lee, above, for his eye-opening series, "DRAG," at Curator's Office, kicking off with a 6 p.m. reception on Saturday.

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MERIE W. WALLACE

Clint Eastwood, right, directs Sean Penn in the Oscar-winning film "Mystic River."

Clint — He's Flinty

Funny what a few years, a handful of Oscars and the use of the word "flinty" in his description will do to a man. Former Hollywood pretty boy and fairly wooden actor Clint Eastwood is now one of the industry's Grand Old Men and well decorated for it. AFI Silver tips a hat to all things "Directed by Clint Eastwood" in its showcase featuring, among other films, "Mystic River." ▶ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through March 10; 301-495-6700, afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)*

Little Green Men

Of course leprechauns exist — that's a whole row of them right there munching popcorn and enjoying the show. The little guys are huge film buffs, as the success of the annual Lutins de Court-Metrage short-film festival proves. The five days of shorts in French with English subtitles ends on Saturday. ▶ *Various sites; see francedc.org. for schedules and showtimes.*

Israeli Films

Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore offers a terrific free program this weekend, the last of a three-Thursday series, "Contemporary Israeli Films: Curated by Dan and Noit Geva." The Gevas will be on hand to introduce and discuss "Description of a Memory," screening at 7:30 p.m. ▶ *Falvey Hall, Brown Center, 1301 Mount Royal Ave., Baltimore; Thu., 7:30 p.m., free; mica.edu.*

When a Language Goes Viral

Zombies tune in to a heroic radio host in the smart horror satire 'Pontypool'

DVD

Poor Grant Mazzy (Stephen McHattie). He's grizzled and whiskey-voiced, a DJ whose show has proved to be too hot for any radio station in Canada to handle. Only the tiny station in Pontypool, Ontario, which broadcasts from a church basement, will take on the cynical cowboy of the airwaves.

But his first day at his new job gets ugly fast in Bruce McDonald's eerie, funny and genuinely original horrorshow, "Pontypool." Zombies are on the loose, and the station's skeleton staff is ill-equipped to fend off the shambling threat. Mazzy's only weapon is his voice, which can alert those outside to the dangers around town and keep citizens updated.

COURTESY MPI HOME

Blood does not transmit the zombification virus, but "Pontypool" is not without gore.

"Pontypool" would be a tense, rather claustrophobic variation on ye olde zombie genre if Tony Burgess' screenplay (based on his novel) didn't have a nasty viral trick up its sleeve. It isn't blood or consumerism or brains or conformity that causes the sickness to spread, but language itsesf — the English language. Turns out Mazzy's weapon is pointed directly at his own head.

It doesn't take a huge budget to make a movie about a (dwindling) handful of people in a radio station trying not to talk, and MacDonald keeps the film's look as makeshift and low-budget as its setting. The thrown-together air of the movie claims extra sympathy for the trapped, frustrated characters — they have so little, and they're going to die horribly unless Mazzy can think of a solution. (In one very funny passage, they exchange information in halting eighth-grade French.)

Whether he does become an unlikely hero and avert Pontypool's apocalypse is less interesting than the questions of semiology and transmission brought up by the movie's premise. William S. Burroughs posited that language is a virus, but that idea has never been treated so literally and its tentacles been allowed to spread until Burgess picked it up again.

But no one here is taking the fun out of what is, in the end, a rip-roaring thriller. It's only after the DVD (from MPI home video) ends and the popcorn bowl is empty that the full horror of "Pontypool's" what-ifs begins to sink in.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Valentine's Day: The multiple, vaguely connected stories in "Valentine's Day" deliver the usual marriage proposals, mad dashes through airports and climactic kisses. **JEN CHANEY**

2 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief: This children's movie based on the book series about a boy who discovers he's the half-human son of the Greek god Poseidon takes itself a little too seriously. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN**

3 The Wolfman: Even with a few plot twists that weren't in the original, Joe Johnston's remake of the Lon Chaney classic is too predictable and by the book. **RICK WARNER**

4 Avatar: James Cameron has proven his penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, he delivers an ambitious, immersive cinematic experience. **ANN HORNADAY**

RON BATZDORFF/WARNER BROS.

Jessica Biel and Eric Dane are two of the stars in the predictable "Valentine's Day."

5 Dear John: The latest romantic weepie from a novel by Nicolas Sparks has the usual melodramatic developments, but in this latest, the heartbreaking twist feels like a lie. **(MO)**

6 The Tooth Fairy: Dwayne Johnson stars as a pro-hockey player conscripted to exchange cash for teeth in this kids' fantasy that's light as cotton candy, minus the cavities. **(MO)**

7 From Paris With Love: John Travolta and Jonathan Rees-Myers star in this hyper-violent buddy comedy. If you like that sort of thing — think "Training Day," with laughs — you'll love this. **(MO)**

8 Edge of Darkness: Like its hero, Boston police detective Tom Craven (Mel Gibson), this revenge fantasy about a cop who sets out to find his daughter's killer is a methodical and workmanlike thing. **(MO)**

9 Crazy Heart: Jeff Bridges stars as a musician on the downswing in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which he virtually channels country music's most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. **(AH)**

10 When in Rome: The problem with this romantic comedy is not the credulity-stretching script, or that much of the movie isn't all that funny. The problem is that it thinks it's freakin' hilarious. **(MO)**

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1 Tracking the Wild Wolf

Imagination Stage puts on a charming, fast-paced retelling of "Peter and the Wolf," the folktale composer Sergei Prokofiev invented to demonstrate the components of an orchestra to kids. Singing, dancing, puppetry, a clever boy and nasty predator act out the story through March 21.

➜ *Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; through March 21, $10-$21; 301-280-1660, imagination-stage.com.*

2 Dynamics of Fun

Little engineers and engineers-to-be will pour through the doors of the National Building Museum on Saturday for the fun and frolics of the museum's annual Engineering Family Day. Plenty of activities keep wee hands busy while teaching young and grown-up alike about such principles as thermodynamics, aerodynamics and something we don't understand but that involves balloons. And who doesn't like balloons?

➜ *National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; Sat., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., $5 suggested donation; 202-272-2448, nbm.org. (Judiciary Square)*

3 Cut and Paste

Slick, sharp and confident, Editors' people-pleasing indie rock won't win over any experimentalists, but the British band knows how to have a good time. Those with more avant-garde tastes should arrive in time to see thinky mope-rockers Antlers open for Editors at the 9:30 on Sunday.

➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sun., 7 p.m., $20; 800-955-5566, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Every Bite Is A Sweet Treat

4 Follow the adventures of the fictional family behind a candy-manufacturing empire in Katharine Weber's delicious novel "True Confections." She reads from and discusses the book on Thursday night.

➜ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, politics-prose.com. (Van Ness-UDC)*

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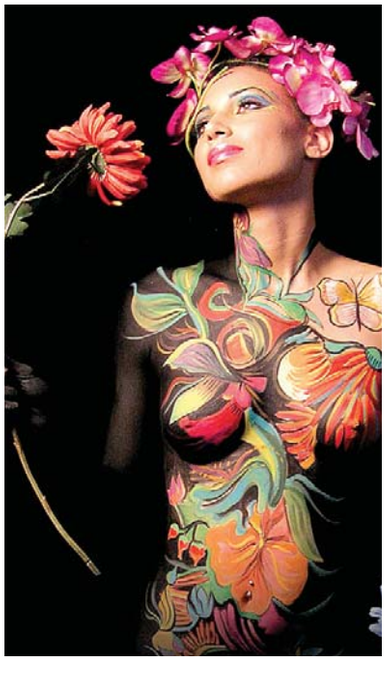

A Brush With The Risqué

Nice ... dress? Bring your rock-solid body image and a smile to BIG's Body Painting & Happy 5 Hour bash at Creative Alliance at the Patterson in Baltimore. Revelers can keep their coats on and enjoy the painted men and women, comedy by the Baltimore Improv Group and body painter Jen Seidel at work on volunteers. Want to be one? E-mail info@big-improv.com.

➜ *Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Ave., Baltimore; Thu., 6 p.m., $12; 410-276-1651.*

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Sound

THURSDAY

9:30 Club: DJ Dredd, 9 p.m., $15.
Birchmere: Dave Alvin & a Couple Guilty Women, 7:30 p.m., $27.50.
Black Cat: The Soundtrack of Our Lives, Nico Vega, 8 p.m., $15.
Blues Alley: Gerald Veasley, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.
DC9: Outernational, Apollo Run, Ryan Harvey, 9 p.m., $12.
Iota: Laura Veirs, Old Believers, Led to Sea, 8:30 p.m.
Jammin' Java: Oh Susannah, 10:30 a.m; David Choi, 8 p.m., $10.
Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Los Gringos, 6 p.m., free.
Rock and Roll Hotel: The Moderate, 6 Day Bender, 8:30 p.m., $10.
The Barns at Wolf Trap: J.D. Souther, 8 p.m.
Twins Jazz: Andrea Wood, 9 & 11 p.m., $10.
Velvet Lounge: Gangland Buries Its Own, 9 p.m., $8.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Hotspur, No Second Troy, Margot Macdonald Band, Boys Will be Boys, 5 p.m., $15; No Scrubs with DJ Will Eastman and Brian Billon, 10 p.m., $10.
Birchmere: Arlo Guthrie, 7:30 p.m., $55.
Black Cat: Los Amigos Invisibles, 9 p.m.
Blues Alley: Kim Waters, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.
Bohemian Caverns: Sylver Logan Sharp, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.
Comet Ping Pong: Caverns, Detox Retox and Prisms, 10:30 p.m., $8.
DC9: V.V. Brown with Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $8.
Jammin' Java: The Banjo Man, 10:30 a.m., $5; the Bigger Light, Sing Me Insomnia, Acton Item, 6 p.m., $13; the D.R.A.M.A. Kings, the Blackjacks, Citizen, 10 p.m., $10;
Music Center at Strathmore: Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour: the Kenny Barron Trio, Regina Carter, Kurt Elling, Russell Malone, 8 p.m., $28-$62; Incwell, 9 p.m., $12.
The Red and the Black: Yell County, the Courtesans, the Secret Pop Band,

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9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Sweet Interference, Tripp, Hot Coffee, 9:30 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 8 p.m., sold out.

Wolf Trap: Bo Bice, 8 p.m., $25.

Twins Jazz: Stan Killian, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Reemstarr, Dunc, Maverick, Eurock and more, 9 p.m., $5 (downstairs); Afrofunk Dance Party with Elikeh, 10 p.m., $10;

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Nouvelle Vague, Clare and the Reasons, 8 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Hal Ketchum, Sonia Leigh & Levi Lowrey, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: Mission of Burma, Office of Future Plans, 9 p.m., $15.

Blues Alley: Kim Waters, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

Bohemian Caverns: Chico Hamilton, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.

Under the Influence

KELLY DAVIDSON

OFF THE SHELF: Worming their way into the creative conscious of myriad fuzz-driving bands since 1979, post-punk legend Mission of Burma climbed out of retirement in 2002 and keep the live show crisp at the Black Cat on Saturday.

DC9: Franz Nicolay, Romania 11 p.m., $8.

Jammin' Java: Minh, 2 p.m., $10; Rocknoceros, 7 p.m., $10; Middle East Micfest Tour 2010, 9:30 p.m., $12.

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue: Miguel Zenun Quartet and Aaron Parks Trio, 8 p.m., $27.

The Red and the Black: Ravenous, Little Girls, Daddy Lion, 9 p.m., $8.

State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 8 p.m., sold out.

Twins Jazz: Stan Killian, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: La Snacks, Typefighter, the Ionosphere Club, Transmography, 10 p.m., $8.

Verizon Center: John Mayer, Michael Franti, Spearhead, 8 p.m., $42.50-$78.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Editors, the Antlers, the Dig 7 p.m., $20

Birchmere: The Manhattans, 7:30 p.m.,

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Blues Alley: Kim Waters, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center: Joshua Redman Trio, 6 p.m., $42.

DC9: Leslie & the Ly's, Christopher the Conquered, Shock Diamond, 9 p.m., $10.

Galaxy Hut: Eleaine Lachia, Lightfoot, 9 p.m., $5.

Jaxx: Battle of the Bands with Azazel the Fallen, All of This, Sextacy, Electronic Hope, Evereaux, Hover Craft, Suffer No Guilt, March Til Morning, New Retro, Love at Hindsight, 4 p.m., $10.

The Red and the Black: Skeletonwitch, Iron Age and Howl, 9 p.m., $12.

Twins Jazz: Johnny Graham and the Groove, 9 & 11 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: Animal Genital, Free Pop, 7:30 p.m.

Coming From All Sides

LEE STALSWORTH

BLUR LINES: Twisting reality and fiction with complete control, John Gerrard's "Directions" installation at the Hirshhorn takes desolate American landscapes — photographed from all sides — and superimposes elements into the story.

Sight

Archives of American Art: "Lists: To-dos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists' Enumerations," through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, aaa.si.edu.

Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Watercolors," tropical, color-rich watercolor paintings from Patricia Tobacco Forrester, through March 6. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripleyfineart.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art," through March 13. Exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history, ongoing. 902 Wythe St., Alexan-

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dria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Alex Gallery: "Lithuanian Season," highlights from the world of contemporary Lithuanian art, through March 31. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of baseball's Negro leagues, through July 4; "The African Presence in México: From Yanga to the Present," the cultural and artistic impact of African slaves in Mexico, through July 4. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Arlington Arts Center: "Transhuman Conditions," the future of the human body in an increasingly digital world is explored by 10 artists, through April 3. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Perspectives: Anish Kapoor," sensous metallic sculptures from the Indian artist, through Feb. 28; "Moving Perspectives: Yeondoo Jung," memories explored through photography and video from this South Korean artist, through March 14. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Art Whino: "Cutthroat" politically-charged stencils reference the strife straddling the Mexican border. "Nick Morris," pin up girls and fast cars feature in these collages, reception for both, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, through March 20. 173 Waterfront St., National Harbor; 301-567-8210, artwhino.com.

Athenaeum: "Kazaan Viveiros," collage-like images explore the relationship between perception and memory, through Feb. 28. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "3D: Contemporary College," work from Kyan Bishop, Leah Frankel and Elizabeth Kendall, through March 26. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, carrollsquare.com/gallery.

Caos on F: "Chul Beom Park," abstract and haunting 3-D mixed-media collages, through Feb. 27. 923 F St.; caosonf.com.

Civilian Art Projects: "Go For Gold!: The Transformation of the Lower Lea Valley," Gesche Würfel documents as London is transformed in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games, reception Fri. 7 p.m., through March 20. 1019 7th St. NW; 202-607-3804, civilianartproj-

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Conner Contemporary Art: "Anyone Other Than Me," Jeremy Kost provides a photographic journey into the glam underside of various subcultures. "Living Fossil," Taylor Baldwin uses sculptures to explore the relationship between objects and people. "Sounds a Grown Man Shouldn't Make," irreverent audio from Matthew Sutton, through March 6. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Turner to Cézanne: Masterpieces From the Davies Collection, National Museum Wales," through April 25. American Bronzes" "Sculpture From the Mouse House: the Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Cross Mackenzie Gallery: "Snow White," no tints needed in the ceramics of Christa Assad, Charles Birnbaum, Jean-Marie Grenier, Jeff Irwin and Maren Kloppmann, through March 5. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, crossmackenzie.com.

Curator's Office: "Drag," The elaborate makeup constructions of drag queens get a close-up in these photos from Jason Horowitz, reception Sat. 6-8 p.m., through March 27. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center: "Memory Meets Imagination Halfway," evo-

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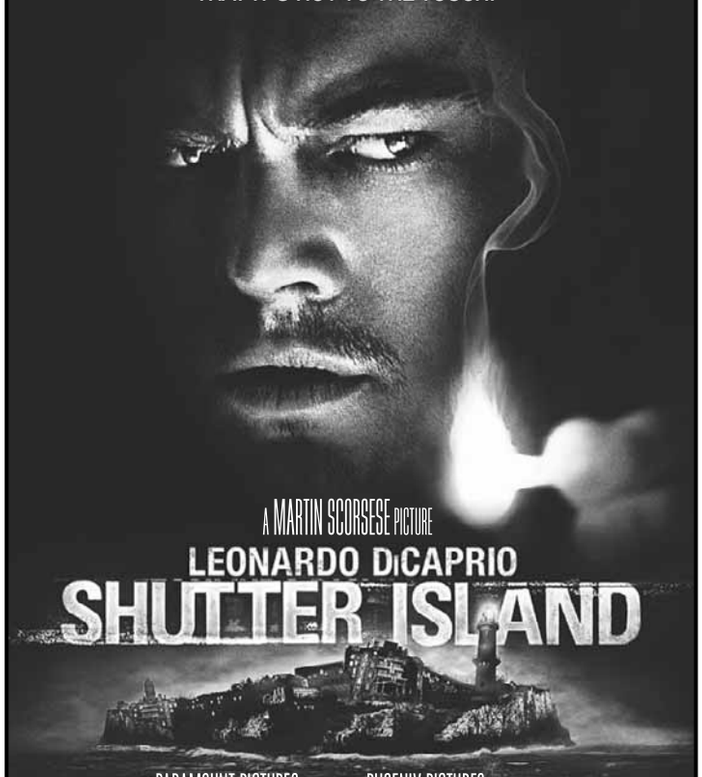

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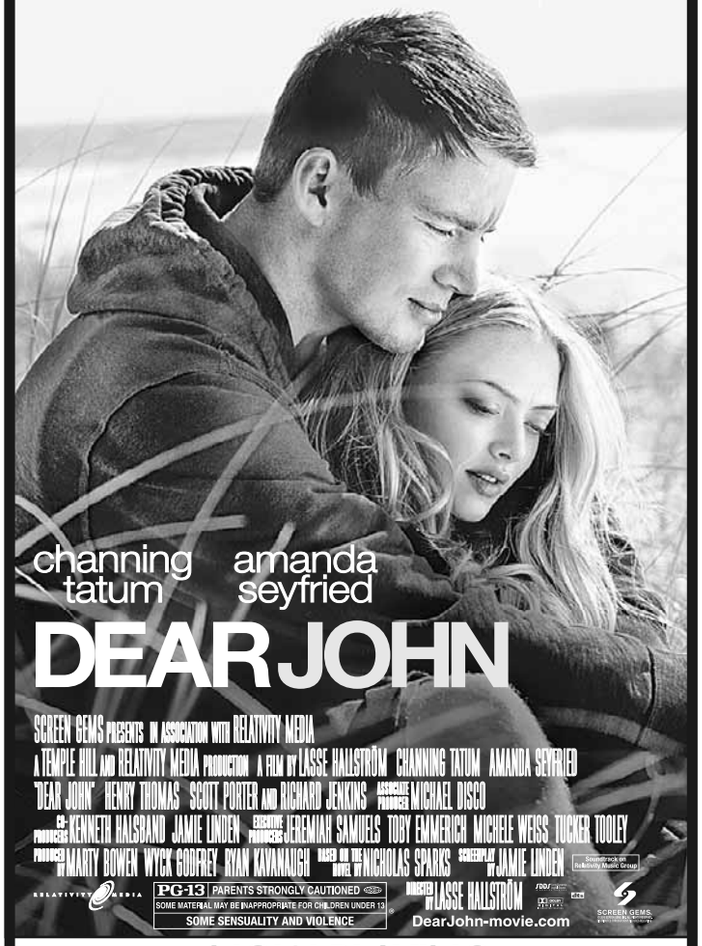

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The Man in the Room

TODD WOLFSON

GRAND OLD PARTY: Dave Alvin can't leave music alone. Try to catalog the work of the Grammy winner and you might get exhausted as the talented punk/folk/[insert genre] musician keeps exploring. Alvin's latest artistic incarnation is fronting an all-female group, "The Guilty Women," serving up a rollicking mixture of folk rock Thursday at the Birchmere.

cations of female sexuality are layered against the landsapes of Spain and California in paintings from Adam De Boer, through Sun. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Flashpoint Gallery: "Alma Mater," Jennifer Dorsey photographs the architecture of area high schools, reception Fri. 6-8 p.m., through March 27. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

The Foundry Gallery: "Four at Foundry," mixed-media creations from Fran Abrams, Sarah Alexander, Katherine Blakeslee and Nancy Donnelly, through Feb. 27. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Children at Play in Chinese Paintings," through May 23. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June; "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through 2011. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Goethe-Institut: "Roads and Paths: Photography by Bernhard Fuchs," human construction and natural scenery mix, through March 19. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

Hamiltonian Gallery: "New Work," Alex Kondner, Ian MacLean Davis, Linda Hesh and Bryan Rojsuontikul exhibit new art, reception Sat. 7-9 p.m., through March 20. 1353 U St. NW; 202-332-1116, hamiltoniangallery.com.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Vintage Kodak Brownies," William Christenberry's extraordinary photos come from a more-than-ordinary camera. "Distortion, Delay and Sustain," A playful look at post-modern art through the collages and installations of Robin Rose. "Flower Studies," Donald Baechler infuses non-abstract images with deeper meaning, through March 13. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

LAST CHANCE Hillyer Art Space: "Adjunct/Disjunct," the struggles of the teaching artist, through Sat. "Structured Turbulence," crayons and oils mix in Dana Frostick's chaotic drawings, through Feb. 27. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn: "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. "Joseph Albers: Innovation and Inspiration," through April 11. "Black Box: Phoebe Greenberg," through April 11. "Directions: John Gerrard," 3-D installation mixes reality with fiction, through May 31. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Honfleur Gallery: "Stories," three artists compile photographs to illustrate the conflict in Africa, through Feb. 26. 1227 Good Hope Road SE; 202-580-5972, honfleurgallery.com.

Industry Gallery: "Round the Corner," sculptor Shlomo Harush re-examines conventional means of seating, through March 6. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, industrygallerydc.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "On/Off the Grid," artists work around the concept of structures in architecture in this group exhibition, through March 20. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Palestinians, meanwhile ..." the lives of ordinary Palestinians are captured in the photograhs of Elena Farsakh, through Feb. 26. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW;

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The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "Inside/Outside," imprisoning artists couldn't stop their creation in this collection curated by Mia Choumenkovitch, through Feb. 27. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com.

Katzen Arts Center: "Cream," exhibition of work from more than 100 local and national artists, through March 6. Tom Green: Accident and Intent"; "Allan Feltus and Lani Irwin: Personal Interiors"; Robert Devers: Cult of the Hand"; all through March 14. "John Dreyfuss," through April 11. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-2787, american.edu/museum.

Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshland-sciencemuseum.org.

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FISH TANK (NR) (4:00)
A TOWN CALLED PANIC (NR) (1:10, 3:20, 5:30)7:40, 9:50
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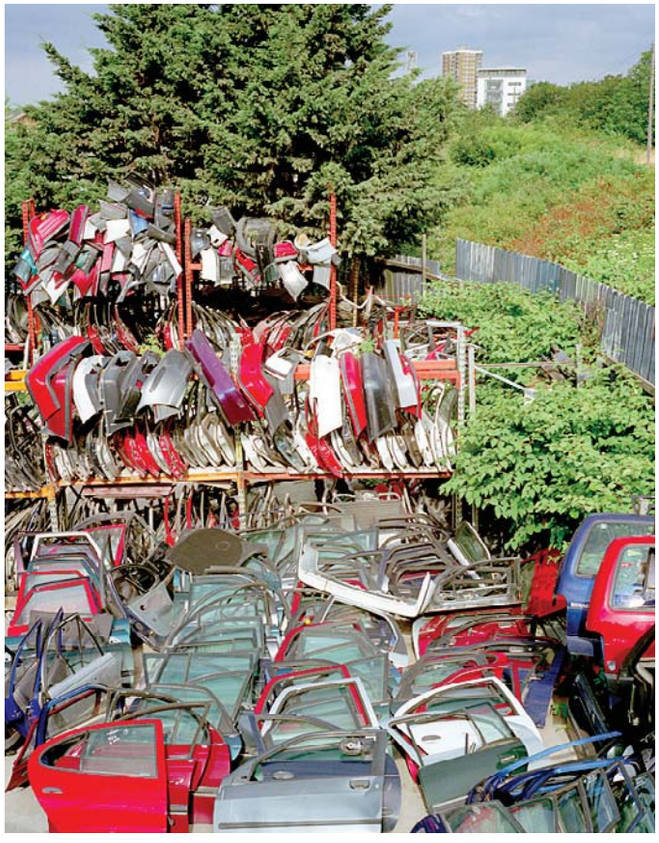

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LAST CHANCE **Marsha Mateyka Gallery:** "Recent Work," work from Christopher French, Jae Jo, Nathan Oliveira, Andrea Way, Nancy Wolf, through Sat. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykagallery.com.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; the largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Architecture from Historic New England," through Aug. 15. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Editions With Additions: Working Proofs by Jasper Johns," through April 4; "Alexander Calder"; "The Robert and Jane Meyeroff Collection: Selected Works," through May 2; "Announcing the Text: Development of the Title Page, 1470–1900," through May 21; **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "In the Darkroom: Photographic Processes Before the Digital Age," exhibition of the history and developing craft of capturing images on film, through March 14. "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French and Henry Bacon," through April 4; "Ex-Libris: Chester Dale," through July 18. "From Impressionism to Modernism: the Chester Dale Collection," through 2011. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th

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Local chef Nongkran Dak sheds light behind the scene of TV food wars.

Food, Glorious Food

What happens when a caterer doesn't win a TV cooking competition but does win the hearts of the viewers? Or when a cook goes up against chef Bobby Flay and beats him cold? For "Top Chef" contestant Carla Hall and Chantilly chef and Thai Basil owner Nongkran Dak, the reward is a chance to be a keynote speaker at Les Dames des Escoffier's Celebrating Food! culinary expo. The daylong event features dozens of speakers, hands-on cooking classes, samples of new products and seminars on everything from rice varieties to food writing and restaurant reviewing. ● *The Universities of Shady Grove, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., $95; 202-973-2168, registration and directions at lesdamesdc.org.*

Go for the (Gulp) Gold!

We're not good skiers. We can stand up in ice skates, but moving is not an option. Luge? Nuh-uh. Fortunately, Asia Nine Bar & Lounge allows accomplished consumers of food and drink a chance to go for the gold at the Winter Olympic AthlEATS. The restaurant's special snack and cocktail menus pair with watching the Vancouver Olympics on the bar's 52-inch flat-screen TVs. Try the shumai and a Gold Medal cocktail; Shaun White will be so jealous.

● *915 E St. NW; AthlEATS menu through Feb. 28; 202-629-4355, asianine.com. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

@ Dine & Dash has more on local eats at **expressnightout.com/dine**

A Street Corner Near You

Curbside cuisine is even more accessible as area food trucks emerge on Twitter

Yes, It's Delivery

Finding a tasty lunch during the workday has become a bit easier, thanks to the influx of food trucks bringing everything from salads and Indian curry to cupcakes to downtown D.C. While you've always been able to buy other fare from parked vendors, a new breed of food purveyors are using social media such as Twitter and Facebook to serve hungry patrons.

Sweetgreen, which has four locations in the area, launched Sweetflow Mobile in June 2009 to sell yogurt, salads and oatmeal.

Tim Noonan, the director of Sweetflow Mobile, says there are 14 rotating toppings for the yogurt, and salads are made with seasonal ingredients from the farmers market. According to Noonan, the truck has allowed Sweetgreen to introduce its products to people who may not live near one of the permanent locations.

"Social media has been one of our greatest tools with this truck," Noonan says. "We find out where our demand is very quickly, and we have a dialogue going with our followers."

D.C.'s cupcake craze gets more fuel from **Curbside Cupcakes,** which co-founders Sam Whitfield and Kristi Cunningham launched late last year.

"Sam was at work one day and he wanted cupcakes, but his office wasn't near a cupcakery," Cunningham said. "He said, 'Why do we have to go get them? Why not start a truck to bring them to us?'"

Curbside Cupcakes, which sells between 300 and 600 cupcakes a day, focuses on Capitol Hill and downtown, though Cunningham says they are considering adding another truck to hit more areas.

DOMINIC BRACCOLI

The Fojol Bros. of Merlindia may wear silly costumes and fake mustaches, but the spicy curries they serve up are tasty.

> **"We find out where our demand is very quickly, and we have a dialogue going."**
>
> — **TIM NOONAN,** DIRECTOR OF SWEETFLOW MOBILE, WHICH DELIVERS YOGURT, SALADS AND OATMEAL VIA ITS TRUCKS.

Cunningham said that those looking for a sugar fix can use Facebook or Twitter to let Curbside Cupcakes know their location, since they regularly visit "wildcard" locations.

"Facebook and Twitter allow for a conversation with our customers, not like a press release, which pushes information in one direction," Cunningham says.

Global street food comes to your doorstep with the brand-new **Sâuçá**, which offers flatbread wraps filled with butter chicken, beef barbecue and other fillings. There are also waffles with toppings — "toffles."

Sâuçá's proprietor/owner Farhad Assari said food is prepared in a central kitchen and then heated and assembled on the truck, which boasts free Wi-Fi, an international phone and a 37-inch screen for karaoke.

"What I hope to deliver to people is what I've experienced through the traveling I've done on different continents," Assari said. "The best food I've ever tasted has been street food."

The Fojol Bros. of Merlindia wear fake mustaches and costumes as they dispense trays of spicy curries (from a local Indian restaurant they decline to name). They make workday lunch stops downtown and also visit festivals and bars on weekend nights.

Food trucks aren't just limited to D.C. Arlington residents can pick up tacos for breakfast or lunch at **District Taco**, which visits the Rosslyn, Crystal City, Clarendon and Courthouse areas. Top tacos stuffed with eggs, cheese and vegetables with homemade salsas.

And keep your eyes peeled for **DC Slices**, which will be launching soon, offering pizza slices ($4) or whole pies ($20) topped with cheese, pepperoni, mushrooms or sopressata at locations in the District. **AMY CAVANAUGH**

Tweet for Treats

- *Curbside Cupcakes — Web site: curbsidecupcakes.com, Twitter: @CurbsideCupcake, Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/Curbside-Cupcakes/128531980751.*
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- *Sweetgreen's Sweetflow Mobile — Web site: sweetgreen.com, Twitter: @SweetflowMobile, Facebook: facebook.com/sweetgreen.*

A Few Unique Brews

Try these substitutes for the tasty, sold-out Bell's Hopslam Ale

Suds

With D.C. and Virginia fresh out of Bell's Hopslam — the much-hyped and much-loved double IPA that's like a honey-glazed hop flower on your tongue — many craft-beer geeks are experiencing withdrawal. Nothing excites brew lovers so much as the ultra-limited edition that is too couture to pour from taps in just any neighborhood pub.

Brews we cherish the other 11 month of the year just don't seem as sparkly, as distinct, as ... special. But there are other limited edition-beers coming out this time of year. Some reach the ranks of Bell's; others come so close they just might work.

Here are our top suggestions on where to get your next hit for a limited time only.

Black OPS is light on the stomach but heavy on the alcohol content.

Brooklyn's Black OPS

Type: Russian Imperial Stout aged in bourbon barrels — only 1,000 cases released nationwide.
Alcohol: 11.6 percent
When to Find It: Now
Where to Find it: Connecticut Avenue Wine & Liquor Deli
Taste: Strong alcohol aroma and flavor. Coffee and vanilla notes. Light and bubbly body due to champagne yeast.

Harpoon's Oyster Stout

Type: Stout made with poached Massachusetts oysters. Seriously.
Alcohol: 5.5 percent
When to Find It: This week
Where to Find It: Whole Foods Logan Circle, Tenleytown
Taste: We're not sure yet but, um, oysters.

Goose Island Bourbon Coffee Stout

Type: Imperial stout aged in bourbon barrels.
Alcohol: 13 percent
When to Find It: March
Where to Find It: Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits
Taste: Thick, strong and tasting powerfully of coffee. It'll warm you right up.

Dogfish Head Red & White

Type: White beer aged in oak barrels, fermented with pinot noir juice.
Alcohol: 10 percent
When to Find It: Now
Where to Find It: 1 West Wine & Liquor.
Taste: Strong citrus and coriander flavor. Deep earthy notes. A bit of sweetness from the pinot. All in all, a well-balanced brew.

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- *Connecticut Avenue Wine & Liquor Deli, 1529 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-0240. (Dupont Circle)*
- *Whole Foods Market Tenleytown, 4530 40th St. NW; 202-237-5800. (Tenley Town/AU)*
- *Whole Foods Market Logan Circle, 1440 P St. NW; 202-332-4300. (Dupont Circle)*
- *Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits, 5544 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-363-4000. (Friendship Heights)*
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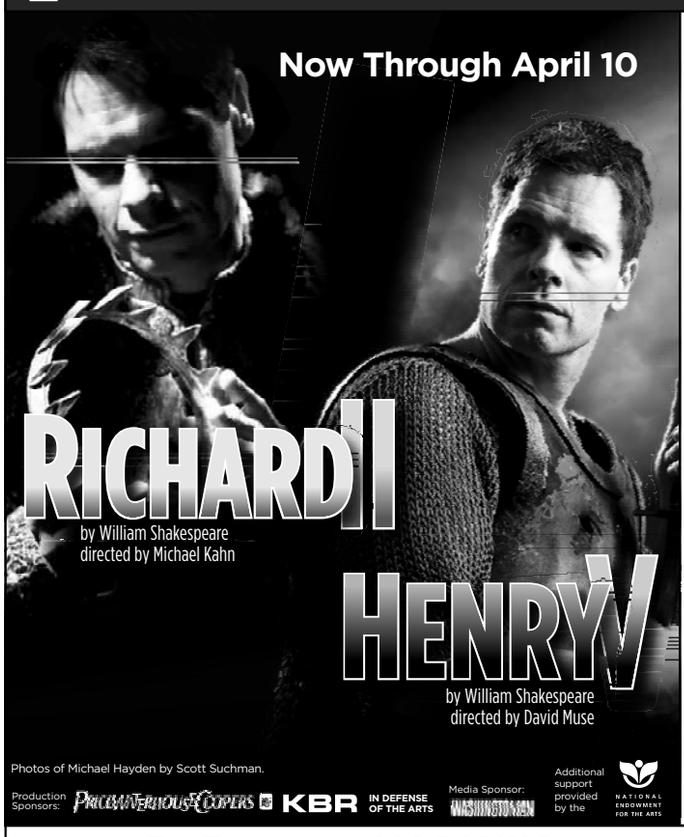

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March 3 noon	Happenings at the Harman: Choreographer Roudolf Kharatian celebrates Happenings 100
March 3 5 p.m.	Theological Discussion: The Leadership Repertory
March 10 noon	Happenings at the Harman: The Congressional Chorus
March 17 noon	Happenings at the Harman: Choreographer Jane Franklin
March 24 noon	Happenings at the Harman: Cabaret artist Katherine McCann and the Gypsy Strings
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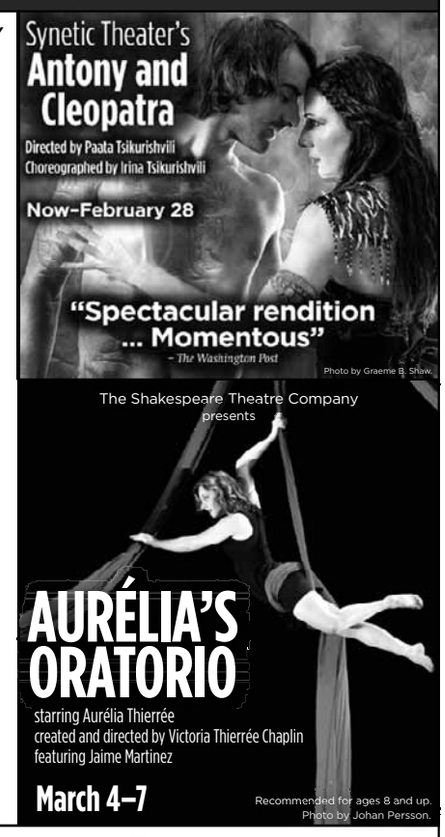

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the scene

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Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Terra Cotta Warriors," the legendary Chinese clay figures come to D.C., through March 31; "Polar Obsession," photographs from the frigid and chilling arctic world, through Feb. 15. "National Geographic Image Collection," best of the magazine's storied collection, through April 15. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb. 28; "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas," 20-panel exhibition focuses on the relations between African-Americans and American Indians through May 31. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," through Oct. 10; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mnh.si.edu.

National Portrait Gallery: "Portraiture Now: Communities," individual members of small towns and families come alive, through July 5; "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Aug. "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," through Feb. 28. "Woodstock at 40: The Rise of Music Journalism," through Oct. 31. "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House"; "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter looss," through 2011, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Georgia O'Keefe: Abstraction," collection of paintings, watercolors and drawings expose O'Keefe's little-known impact on the advance of American abstraction, through May 9. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Underbelly," Stencils combine with photographs for Adam Feibelman's haunting graffiti-like take on the landscapes of San Francisco, through March 6. 1353 U St. NW;

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202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "Paintings From the Smithsonian American Art Museum," ongoing. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: "Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America," photos and other artifacts illustrate the impact of these quiet women on American life, through April 25. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, si.edu/ripley.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Framing the West: The Survey Photographs of Timothy H. O' Sullivan," through May 9. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Stamp Gallery: "Disidentifications," Kyan Bishop, Geraldine Lau and Yeni Mao wrestle with identity in their installations, through April 9. University of Maryland, College Park; thestamp.edu/gallery.

Studio Gallery: "Synthesis," Italian landscapes painted through the eyes of Suzanne Yurdin. "Playing with Fear," nature takes on an absurdist and slightly paranoid life through the brush of Trix Kuijper. "Iwan Bagus," gentle black and white photographs, through Feb. 27. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

LAST CHANCE Target Gallery: "Imprint," 37 artists converge and create works based on the process of printmaking, through Sun. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

The Textile Museum: "Fabrics of Feathers and Steel: Innovation of Nuno"; "Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Basket Collection," through April 11. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

LAST CHANCE Transformer Gallery: "Snow Globe," D.C. artists Jessica Cebra and Zach Storm create a magical winter-inspired space, through Sat. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Orchids: A Cultural Odyssey," through April 11. "Plants in Culture"; "Hawaii"; Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," artifacts, photographs and oral histories , ongoing. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "25th Anniversary Reunion Show," through Feb. 29. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101, washington-

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The Sweetest Flow

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A RENAISSANCE MAN: The hidden treasure of the District, Craig Carozza-Caviness (aka Incwell) spits thoughtful lines on top of swirling hook-ridden melodies. No Auto-Tune is necessary when Incwell plays Strathmore on Friday.

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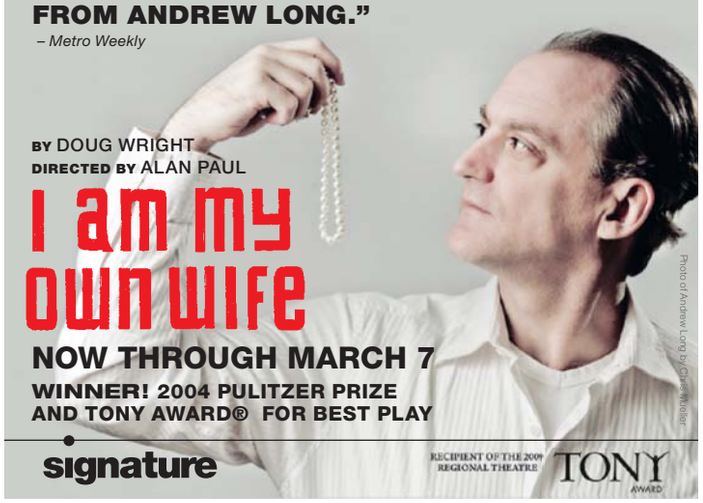

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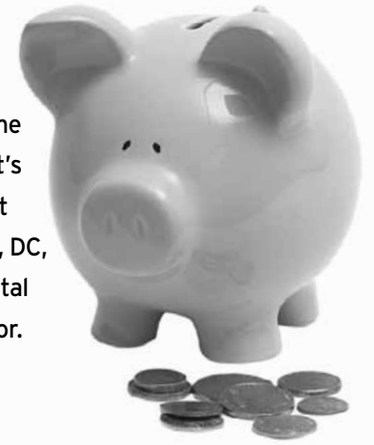

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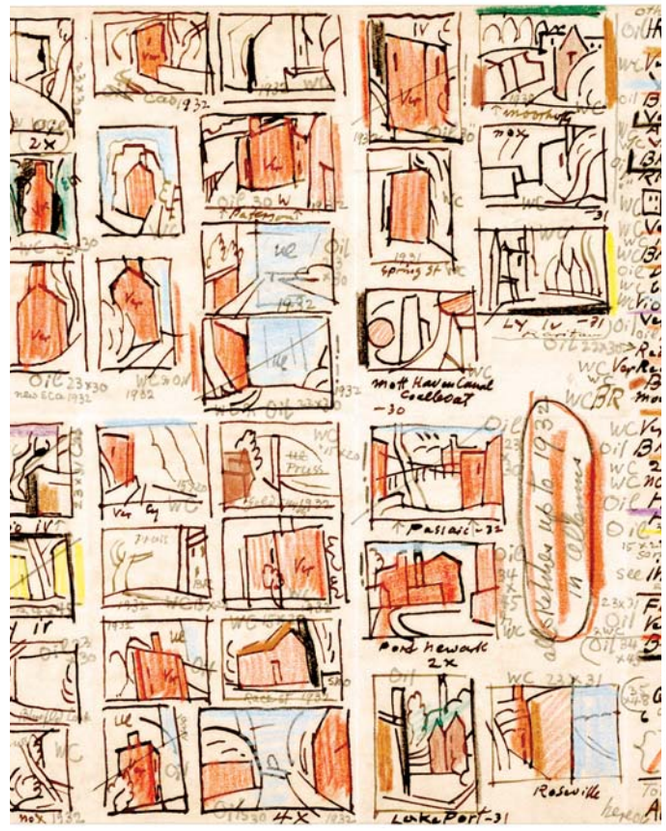

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That Face: Polly Stenham's tale still shocks with its story of a violent encounter at an all-girls club, through March 14, $25. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Three Sisters: In Chekhov's well-loved play, a Russian family struggles to find purpose and meaning; presented by Constellation Theatre Company, through Sun., $15-$25. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7741, constellationtheatre.org.

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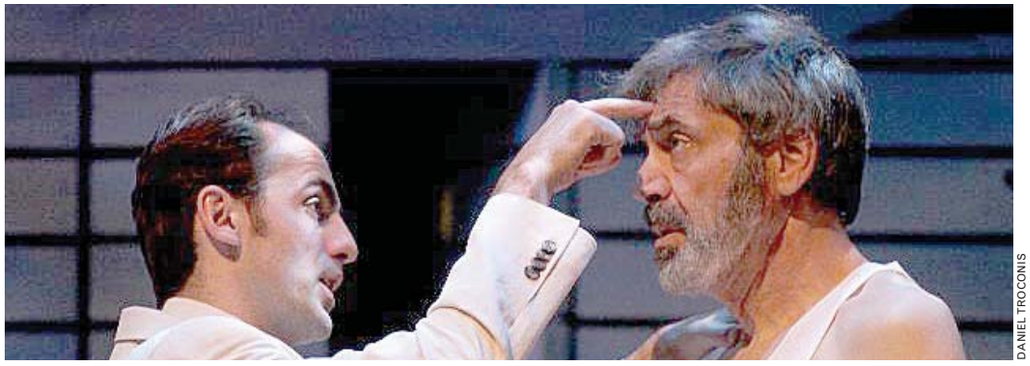

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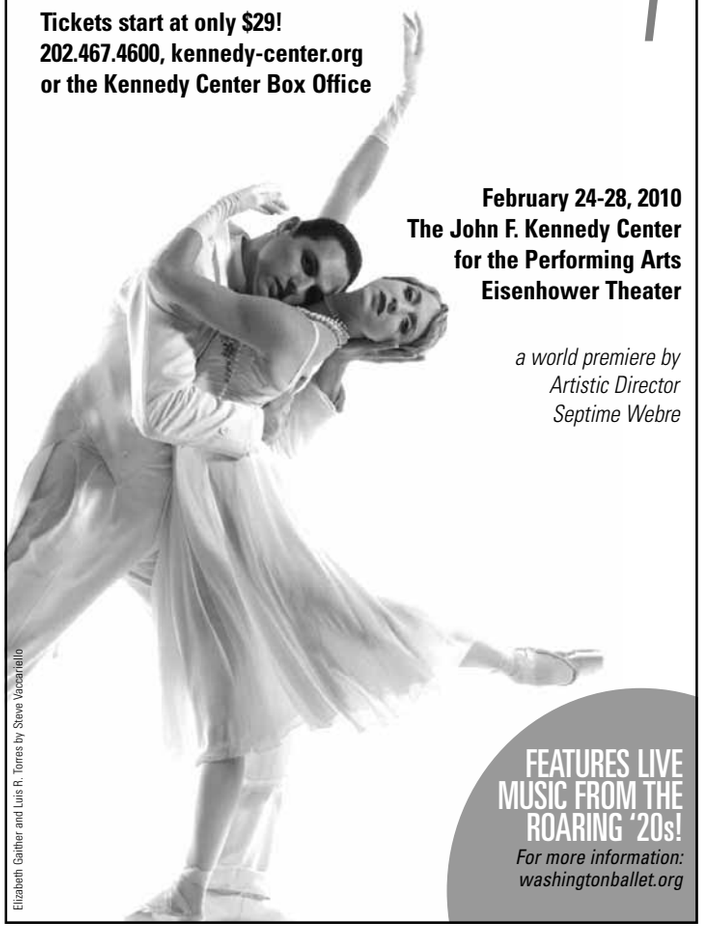

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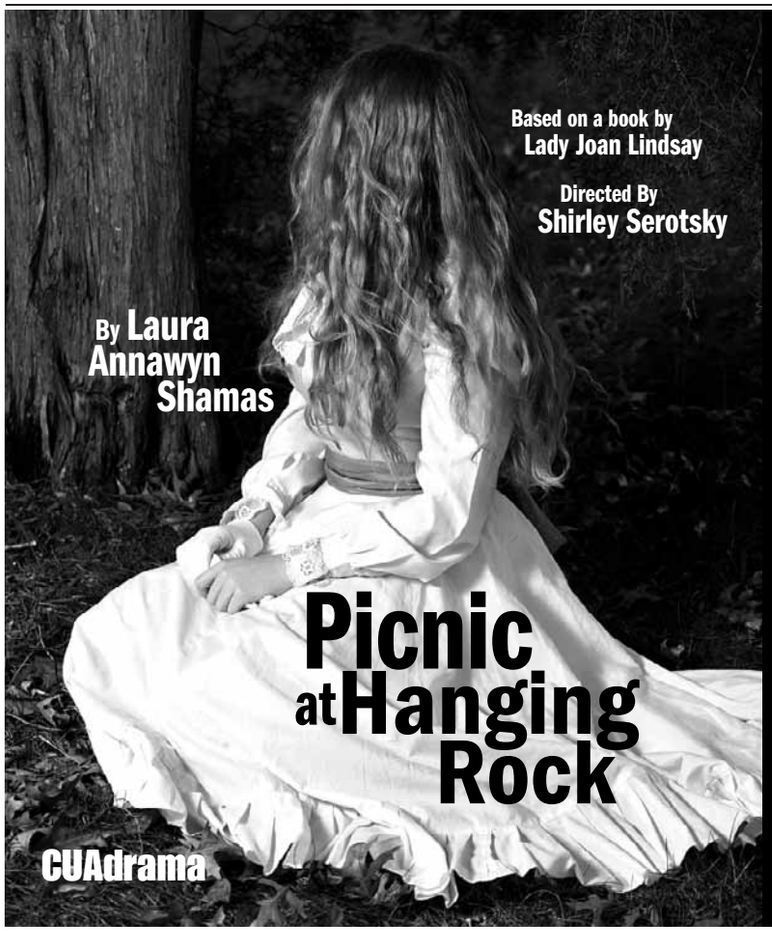

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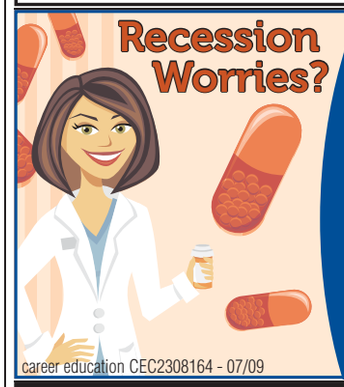

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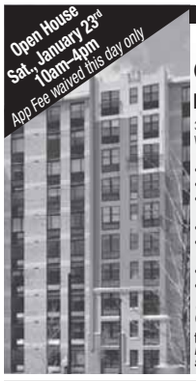

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(Relative) Calm
Jon Gosselin makes peace (and maybe more TV) with TLC 31

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Ice-Breakers

I couldn't believe it was time for the Winter Olympics again. (Neither could Vancouver, judging by its weather.) I told myself I was too busy to watch. Then I got hooked. Apparently, so did everyone else.

In our fragmented TV universe, you can only talk "Lost" with "Lost" diehards, and even the coolest sitcom has its lovers and haters. But you can dish about the 2010 Olympics with grandparents, parents, siblings, kids, even strangers in the street.

By Marc Silver

To wit: Aren't winter sports far riskier than summer sports? Who designed the star-covered PJs the U.S. mogul men wore? That big inflated chair skiers flop on after a race is heated, right? Wasn't it moving when the Canadian who won the first winter gold on Canadian soil gave a shout-out to his brother, who has cerebral palsy? Where does speedster Apolo Ohno, above, look more graceful: on ice or on "Dancing With the Stars"? What's the best event to watch on the treadmill? (My neighbor swears by women's ice hockey.) Is Bob Costas DYING HIS HAIR?

NBC might be a loser when it comes to late-night instincts, but its sports division shows just how thrilling TV can be.

@ Comments? Give Marc your feedback: **expressnightout.com/muse**

A Drama-Free Reality

R&B singer Monica stages a comeback with a BET show and a new album

Music

At first, "Monica: Still Standing" sounds a little dull — a reality show that doesn't focus on catfights and drunken outbursts, but instead features R&B singer Monica Arnold performing in church, having a quiet dinner with her fiance and celebrating her album release with her family and the mayor of Atlanta. But the 29-year-old artist is banking on her recent BET success to help launch her first album in four years and cement her place as a mature, family-oriented woman capable of speaking to other middle-class blacks.

"I originally didn't think it'd be a good idea — I assumed it would be what you usually see on reality TV," Monica says. "But they told me it wouldn't be scripted — it would just be me. If they would've gotten me 12 years ago, they would've gotten a lot of drama. That's just not the life I'm living anymore."

Monica has taken a few years off to focus on raising her two sons, 4-year-old Rodney "Lil Rocko" III and 2-year-old Romelo, with her fiance, rapper Rodney "Rocko" Hill Jr. Her last album was 2006's "The Making of Me," which has sold 323,000 copies in the United States. Now she's preparing to release a new album, "Still Standing," March 23 through J Records, and the singer says she's "back full throttle." Monica will also work on her reality show; the series' first season just wrapped on BET and she's in negotiations to tape a second go-round.

J Records senior vice president of urban marketing Carolyn Williams says the show has helped tremendously in promoting Monica's album. "The interesting thing about Monica is that she has an audience that ranges from the '106 & Park' audience to the gospel demographic and everything in between," she says.

Aside from the album and the promotion that goes behind it, a fashion line is the only other thing Monica has scheduled for 2010. "I'm not a person that believes in planning a lot," she says. "Whatever comes my way, I'll move toward it." MARIEL CONCEPCION (BILLBOARD)

GETTY IMAGES

Monica starred in her own reality show on BET this fall and will follow it up with a new album called "Standing Still," out in late March.

Fashion

Kiddie Couture

Monica's only planned project for 2010 besides promoting her new album is her fashion line. And we're sorry, ladies, but there won't be any sundresses or jeans in the deal for you — Monica's clothes are just for kids. Male kids, to be specific. Inspired by her young sons, the brand is called Regions of Rock and should be in stores by the end of the year. (EXPRESS)

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Holly Miranda has the vocal chops to make a big name for herself in the indie world.

Magical Melodies

Holly Miranda puts fairy tales to music on a new solo album

CD Review

Holly Miranda started in the rock outfit the Jealous Girlfriends, but as a solo artist she's truly a rising star. Just in the past year, the New Yorker toured with no less than the XX, the Friendly Fires, A.A. Bondy, Vampire Weekend and the Antlers, and now she's pairing up with Tegan and Sara (she opened for the duo Wednesday night at Warner Theatre). Her new solo album sees her striking out on her own, with compelling results.

On "The Magician's Private Library," there's only a trace of the drum-based rock that permeated her other band's indie pop. Miranda's near-perfect voice and sense of complex dream-synth can be compared to many other female artists', from Feist to Imogen Heap, but Miranda is in a league of her own when it comes to setting the elaborate stage for a multilayered fairy tale in song form.

The highlight of the album comes early with the singsong "Forest Green Oh Forest Green," a visit to a lush fairyland filled with demonic ogres and gorgeous princesses. "Waves" is also a track that will bring Miranda some much-deserved attention, as it does the best job of showing off her rich, colorful voice.

Brooding and textured, "The Magician's Private Library" is the world's first real glimpse of what Holly Miranda is capable of, and it surely won't be the last.

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To watch a video of Holly Miranda perforing "Waves" live, please visit us online at **expressnightout.com**

TV Beat

Undercover Team Coco Member? Jay Leno's longtime bandleader, **Kevin Eubanks**, may not play very long once the Leno troupe returns to "The Tonight Show." NBC said Tuesday that Eubanks has expressed interest in personal touring and recording. The network says he will be part of the show when it reoccupies late-night TV March 1, but his continued involvement is uncertain. **(AP)**

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

FOX 8:00

Bones Booth must get recertified for FBI marksmanship, but he is not the accurate shot he was before undergoing brain surgery. In their latest case together, Brennan and Booth investigate the death of a little person who was a former wrestling star in "The Dwarf in the Dirt."

CBS 9:00

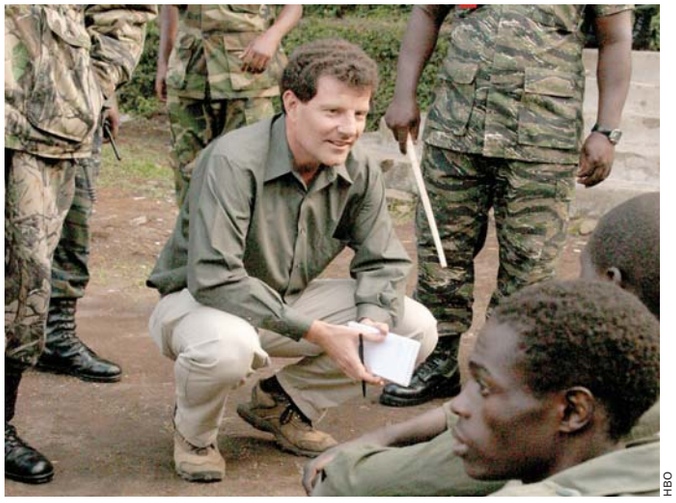
The Mentalist Minelli orders Patrick and his team to work together with Bosco, right, and his team in order to locate a kidnapped woman who is being held for ransom in the rerun "Red Bulls."

A&E 9:00

The First 48 "Update Special: Bait and Switch" reveals the outcome of a recent trial stemming from the June 2007 shooting of a Texas man in a robbery attempt. After the actual shooter agreed to testify against the man who allegedly planned the robbery, Kendrick Demus, prosecutors went after Demus.

FOX 9:00

Past Life When two people share the same regression episodes, Kate and Price (Kelli Giddish and Nicholas Bishop, left) discover the couple are lovers who find each other in every new life. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



HBO

Work And Ethics

REPORTER

HBO 9:30

The documentary "Reporter" follows Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and columnist Nicholas Kristof on a trip to the Congo to bring back firsthand accounts of war crimes and human suffering. The film also examines the dwindling number of news outlets devoted to stories so big and so difficult.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Reality

The Ugly Truth

Everyone tells Vicki, above, what they really think of her on "The Real Housewives of Orange County" (10 p.m., Bravo). Alexis and Jim invite their pastor and his wife over, where Alexis talks about feeling judged for her beauty. Meanwhile, Gretchen and Slade go to Palm Springs for a getaway with her parents in "Let's Bow Our Heads and Pray." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Today's Question

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Wednesday's Results

DO YOU THINK CONCEALED WEAPONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN RESTAURANTS?

"What kind of scaredy-cat are you if you can't even enjoy a meal in a restaurant without a gun at your hip or in your purse? And who is going to ensure that someone drinking alcohol isn't carrying a weapon? The servers can't really ask, can they?"

COMMENTER VEGGIETART

"Why should restaurants be a safe haven for criminals? Of course honest people should be allowed to carry in restaurants."

COMMENTER STR

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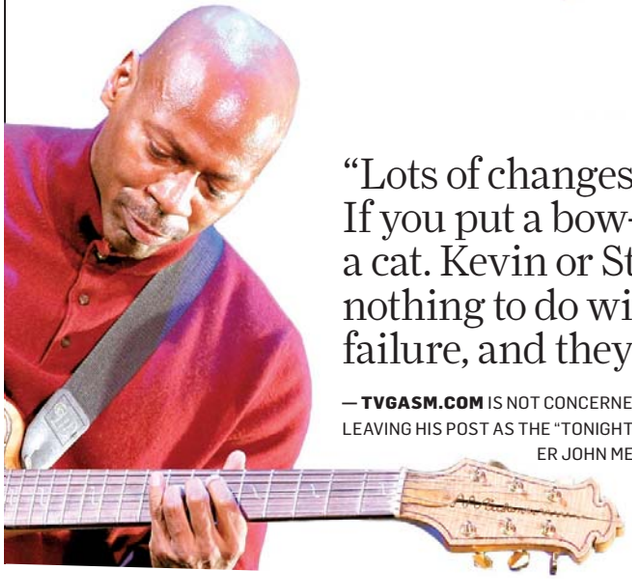
Blog Log

"So this is awkward. 'Family Guy' lampooned Sarah Palin's son Trig's Down syndrome during Sunday night's episode. Problem: The cartoon and the former vice presidential nominee both call Fox home."

— **POPEATER.COM** WASN'T SURE HOW TO REACT TO THE FORMER ALASKA GOVERNOR'S CRITICISM OF A RECENT EPISODE OF THE CARTOON.

"She's more than just a pretty face — she can say 'hot dog' and 'cookie' in five different languages."

— **NETWORK.NATIONALPOST.COM/NP/BLOGS** IS VERY IMPRESSED WITH SADIE THE SCOTTISH TERRIER, WHO TOOK TOP PRIZE AT THE 2010 WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK.



"Lots of changes, yet I still don't care. If you put a bow-tie on a cat, it's still a cat. Kevin or Stuttering John had nothing to do with Jay's prime-time failure, and they still don't."

— **TVGASM.COM** IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORS THAT KEVIN EUBANKS IS LEAVING HIS POST AS THE "TONIGHT SHOW'S" BANDLEADER AND THAT ANNOUNCER JOHN MELENDEZ WILL BE STEPPING DOWN, TOO.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can lend a hand just in time, and he or she who accepts your help will later be in a position to return the favor and help you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not really focused on the issue that matters most. Stop spending time on peripheral issues; get to the heart of the matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're feeling a little more drive and commitment, and yet others may not match your enthusiasm. You can change that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The more willing you are to mix and mingle with those in the trenches, the more likely you are to learn one or two valuable lessons.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be trying to communicate in a way that is overly complicated. Keep messages simple, straightforward and to the point.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The further you look toward the horizon, the more excited you are likely to become about what lies ahead. You may become rather impatient, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can benefit from a more aggressive stance, especially when you are facing a competitor who will stop at nothing to get ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The mental and physical must work closely in tandem for success. Balance is key, and you know just how to arrive at it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others may be hoping that you'll keep your opinions to yourself, but the fact is that what you have to offer can be of great benefit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A choice facing you may not present itself in the most attractive fashion. Weighing pros and cons will be difficult — but necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You've been working hard toward a particular goal, and you mustn't let someone else's fickle behavior slow or stop your progress.

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Scrabble Grams

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								RACK 4
A1	U1	L1	F4	T1	T1	C3	3rd Letter Triple	

Yesterday's Solution

E1	N1	C3	R1	U1	S1	T1	RACK 1 =	59
B3	A1	R1	G2	A1	I1	N1	RACK 2 =	70
C3	A1	T1	G2	U1	T1		RACK 3 =	9
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Yesterday's Solution

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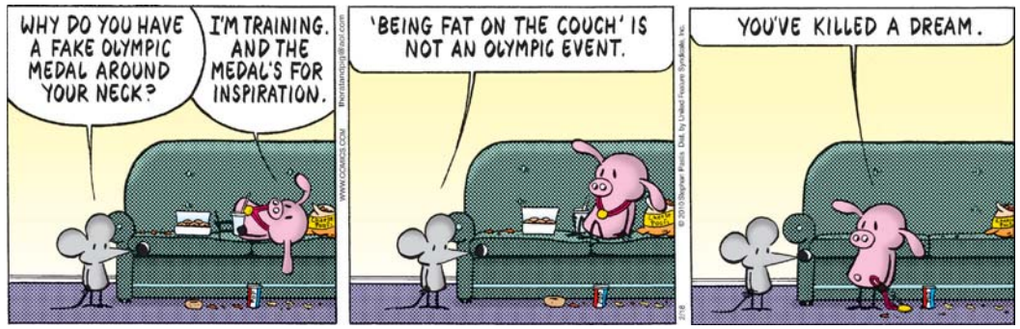

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Tomorrow: Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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Sun and Moon
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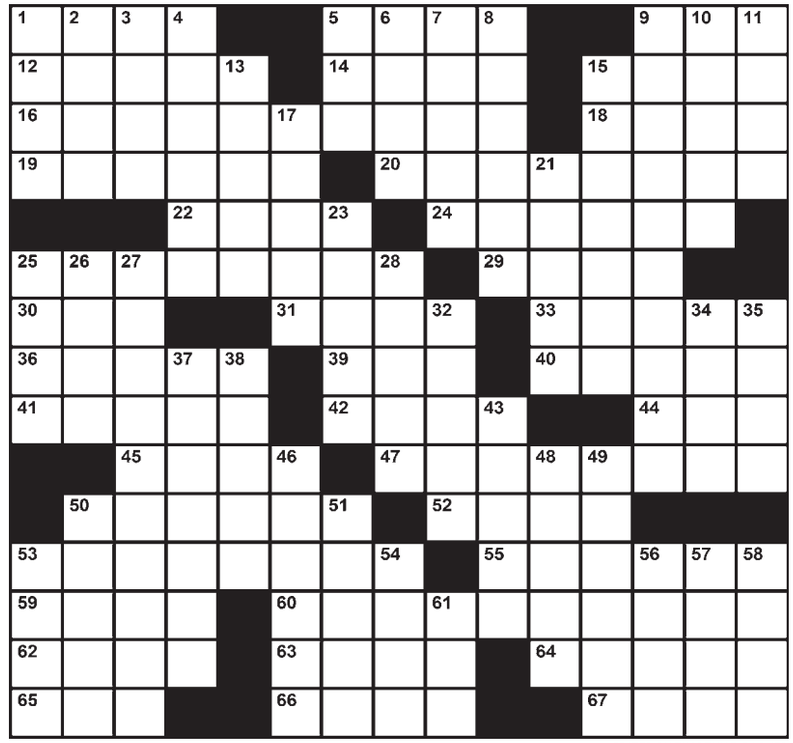

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1 Drink for Archie Bunker
5 Skin soother
9 Coal container
12 Bearded, as grain
14 Feudal flunky
15 Citizen of Copenhagen
16 Marriage partner
18 Mount in Sicily
19 Bearlike
20 Threshold
22 Beaks
24 Following etiquette
25 Monastery figure
29 A lift, in Aspen
30 What gives a pose poise?
31 Commits a blunder
33 Permitted by law
36 Absolutely necessary
39 "... ___ the cows come home"
40 Clear a videotape
41 "Cast of thousands" member
42 "Things aren't as bad as they ___"
44 South Korean auto company
45 Woodhouse of fiction
47 Appraise again
50 McDonald's fixtures
52 Knee-high to a grasshopper
53 Isolate
55 "Dawn of the Dead" creature
59 Frigg's husband, in Norse myth
60 Turkey brand
62 Shoulder muscle, briefly
63 TV screen-measuring unit
64 Last word in a Hemingway title
65 Guns N' Roses frontman Rose
66 Court great Arthur
67 "The Simpsons" kid

DOWN

1 Hindu "sir"
2 Wide-mouthed pitcher
3 Tolkien tree creatures
4 Place for rods and cones
5 Mount St. Helens debris
6 What a detective follows
7 Lowest deck on a ship
8 Elbow grease
9 Item on a griddle
10 Kind of tube or child
11 Tide of minimum range
13 Brightest star in Cygnus
15 Abandon hope
17 Hasidic leader
21 California oak
23 Alphabetizes, e.g.
25 Be frugal
26 Alternative to Windows
27 Difficult thing to swallow, figuratively
28 Judge, at times
32 Winter precipitation
34 Sister and wife of Osiris
35 Souchong and hyson
37 Little fighter
38 Less valid, as an excuse
43 Corn
46 Lawrence's land
48 Bull's sound
49 Prince's name was once one
50 Shipper's option
51 Amazes
53 Bubbly drink
54 Decorate a copperplate
56 South Pacific island
57 Troubles of society
58 "Born Free" subject
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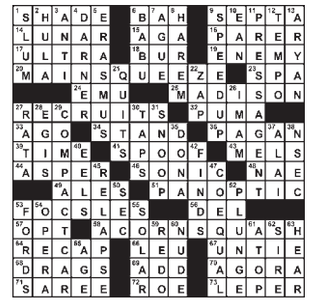

Today in History

1885 Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is published in the United States.

1930 American astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh discovers the planet Pluto.

2001 Veteran FBI agent Robert Philip Hanssen is arrested on charges of spying for Russia for more than 15 years.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Marriage to a Lesser Baldwin Takes Its Toll

Chynna Phillips has entered a treatment facility for anxiety. A statement issued by her publicist says Phillips checked herself into the center "after much thoughtful deliberation" and is "looking forward to her recovery." Phillips, of the pop group Wilson Phillips, is married to actor William Baldwin. The couple have three children. **(AP)**

A reality series called "Jon Gosselin Can't Work for Anyone Except TLC, So We're Giving Him a Show" is reportedly in the works.

PROPERTY

TLC Still Owns Jon Gosselin

TLC has reached a settlement with Jon Gosselin over a breach-of-contract lawsuit. The network sued Gosselin in October. Gosselin filed a countersuit, claiming TLC violated child labor laws in filming "Jon & Kate Plus 8." The network says terms of the settlement are confidential and the whole Gosselin family remains under contract. Gosselin's attorney said all litigation has ended and he hopes "this new adventure for TLC and the Gosselins is a much more joyful journey." **(AP)**

PARENTING

Meanwhile, Their Two Children Live Beneath Underpass, Eat Garbage

A representative for Charlie Sheen denied rumors that the actor was heading to rehab for alcohol abuse. "He is not going to rehab," the rep told Us-magazine.com. "Who told him to go to rehab? Correct answer: no one." Reports last week alleged that his wife, Brooke Mueller, was in treatment for alcohol and crack abuse. **(EXPRESS)**

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Charlie Sheen indicates where he's going as a father, husband and actor.

Dirtbag Digest

Softball Team Carefully Chosen

Tiger Woods will end nearly three months of silence when he talks to a "small group of friends, colleagues and close associates" Friday, said his agent, Mark Steinberg. "This is all about the next step," Steinberg said. "He's looking forward to it." Woods will speak about his past and what he plans next, along with apologizing for his behavior. **(AP)**

"No one likes getting their nails done more than I do. ... So, I had a brilliant idea to get certified to be a nail tech."

— **SERENA WILLIAMS** IS BECOMING A NAIL TECHNICIAN. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PROMOTING HER NEW NAIL PRODUCT LINE, OF COURSE.

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Tila Tequila attempts to swallow the paparazzi on some grubby red carpet.

TRASHY

Wal-Mart Mention Adds Class to Story

Tila Tequila and ex-boyfriend Shawne Merriman's dueling lawsuits have come to an end. "All matters have been resolved as of today," a Tequila attorney told E! Online Tuesday. Tequila sued Merriman for $1.5 million in November after a September incident in which she said the NFL player assaulted her. Merriman countersued Tequila, alleging that her accusations shot down a business deal he was making with Wal-Mart. **(EXPRESS)**

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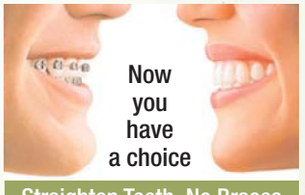

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